

Non-Partisan Election of the Supervisor of Elections  
**Policy Considerations**

| OPTIONS  | COMMENTS  |
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| 1. Retain the current (partisan) system                      | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Currently, the Supervisor of Elections and other county officers are elected on a partisan basis, with each (opposed) candidate competing in a primary election to be selected as the Democratic or Republican candidate for the general election.</li> <li>2. Requiring candidates to run on the basis of party affiliation helps to identify the candidate's political traits and characteristics.</li> <li>3. Most charter counties have retained the partisan system of elections for all county offices.</li> </ol>  |
| 2. Elect the Supervisor of Elections on a non-partisan basis | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Electing the Supervisor on a non-partisan basis saves the cost of that part of a filing fee that is allocated to the party.</li> <li>2. There is no "Republican" or "Democratic" way to "administer an election" – party affiliation is a more important and relevant indicator of future job performance for the State Legislature or Congress.</li> <li>3. The chief elections officer of the county should be as far removed from party politics as is possible.</li> <li>4. Electing the Supervisor on a non-partisan basis enables a broader cross-section of persons interested in becoming candidates to do so - whether the candidate has been active within the local party is less of a factor to becoming a viable candidate.</li> </ol> |