

Resolution to Oppose Single Member Districts in Lee County BOCC

1/6/25

WHEREAS, half of the Lee County Legislative Delegation have proposed legislation to change the Lee County Board of County Commissioners from '5 at-large members' to '5 Single Member Districts plus 2 At-Large Members', with the potential of an eventual 9 (or more) member Board; and may be attempting to create a new county manager/mayor/executive position; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation would circumvent the wishes of Lee County voters, who voted for a County Charter form of government in 1996, and it would circumvent the Charter itself; and,

WHEREAS, The Lee County Charter Review Board meets every 8 years; and,

WHEREAS, The Lee County Charter Review Board met in 2024, reviewing the potential issue of Single Member Districts; and,

WHEREAS, The Lee County Charter Review Board voted 11-1 to oppose Single Member Districts; and,

WHEREAS, Lee County voters would lose representation under this proposed change; and,

WHEREAS, at the November 29, 2023 BOCC Special Meeting, the majority of the public spoke in opposition to this proposed legislation, citing increased inefficiency of government, increased costs by expanding the size of government, the potential for creation of internal conflicts, lack of oversight over an elected County Executive, and reduction of resident's rights to vote for each County Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, The Lee County Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution 23-10-25 on Oct. 24, 2023; and Resolution 23-11-26 on Nov. 29, 2023, opposing Single Member Districts and elected county manager/mayor/executive; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed legislation further calls for only the 2 At-Large members being eligible to serve as Chairman, further limiting Lee County voter's representation; and

WHEREAS, That proposal clearly signals that even the legislators admit that Single District Members should not serve as Chair, presumably due to one district holding an advantage over other districts, resulting in 2 At-Large members alternating who is chair every year, and therefore totally controlling the agenda in perpetuity; and,

WHEREAS, The Lee County Legislative Delegation should be concentrating on protecting citizens from obscure globalist initiatives; and,

WHEREAS, Florida citizens are in dire need of essential legislation protecting our borders from siege; our insurance(s) from price gouging; our economy from global digital currency; our bodies from bioweapons; our ballots from hacking; our patriots from languishing in political prisons; our liberty from the coming '15-minute' lockdown cities; our communities from all forms of human trafficking; our youth from gender indoctrination, medication, sterilization, and/or surgical alterations; instead of legislation circumventing our adopted form of county government; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that Lee County Republican Assembly (LCRA) calls upon the Lee County Legislative Delegation to once and for all forego the usurpation of the instituted Home Rule of a Charter County government that has considered and rejected the proposal of Single Member Districts; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that LCRA calls upon the Delegation to concentrate on their proper role, and draft immediate legislation to protect Floridians from the aforementioned globalist agenda.

Adopted this day, January 6, 2025