

HOME RULE CHARTER HISTORY MARION COUNTY

1. Proposed Charter - General Election, 1964

Yes - 35% **No** - 65%

- Committee began work Dec. 1960
- Seven member BOC, chair only member full-time; Sheriff, Treasurer, Clerk elected (not Assessor, Surveyor)

2. Proposed Charter - Primary Election, May 28, 1974

Yes - 43% **No** - 57%

- Committee began in July, 1972; draft finished same year as general law expansion (but comments that legislature could change general law authority).
- Three member BOC; Sheriff elected (Clerk, Assessor, Treasurer, Surveyor appointed)
- Prohibits BOC from changing duties or functions of the departments established by the charter (dept. of law enforcement).
- Intergovernmental relations/agreements reviewed by a 9 member citizen advisory committee annually

3. Proposed Charter - General Election Nov. 2, 1982

Yes - 26% **No** - 74%

- Fiscal crisis in 1980 resulted in appointment of a home rule charter committee in Feb. 1980.
- Three-member BOC, with a board president; (all other officials appointed).
- Committee discussion that not electing sheriff would cause charter to fail
- State funding cuts resulted in county measures not being printed in voters' pamphlet.