

CRC UPDATE

Prop 95 fails in committee

- The CRC process is far from over -

This morning various committees of the Constitutional Revision Commission met and voted on several important local government proposals.

After being postponed last week, Proposal 26 was finally heard by the CRC Local Government committee. It passed favorably and will now be considered by the full CRC.

Fortunately, Proposal 95 did not pass the CRC Local Government Committee. However, while Proposal 95 failed today, it is expected that similar language could reappear later in the CRC process.

Having passed the CRC Local Government committee already last week, Proposal 13 was heard and approved by the CRC Ethics and Elections Committee, its final committee before going to the full CRC.

- Proposal 26 -

Since last week, four amendments had been filed on Proposal 26. One of which was a strike all amendment by CRC Commissioner and Indian River Commissioner Bob Solari. Though it received public support, the amendment itself was not adopted by the CRC Local Government Committee.

Of the additional amendments, only one was adopted. The amendment would authorize the Sheriff to oversee security in courthouses and court facilities. In addition, the Sheriff would have decision making in regards to courthouses and local decisions regarding the administration and operations of the Sheriff's office that affects security and law enforcement.

Proposal 26 with the adopted amendment passed the CRC Local Government Committee. As part of the CRC process, the proposal will then be heard by the full CRC.

Proposal 26 would also create an Office of Domestic Security and Counter-Terrorism within the Department of Law Enforcement. The current language grants the county sheriff authority for security of county court facilities including courthouses.

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- Proposal 95 -

This morning, Senator Tom Lee, asked that the CRC Local Government Committee vote against Proposal 95 as he did not support it in its current form.

Even though the Proposal failed, he indicated that he will continue to work on this proposal while the full CRC travels for public hearings in order to work on new language for when the full CRC meets again later.

For this reason, FAC is concerned that similar language will reappear again in the CRC process despite Proposal 95 failing.

Proposal 95 would create a constitutional prohibition against any county, municipality, or special district's regulation of any type of commerce, trade, or labor, unless such regulation operated exclusively within the respective entity's own boundaries in a manner not prohibited by law.

- Proposal 13 -

Proposal 13, sponsored by Commissioner Timmann, would remove the authority of a county charter or special law to provide for choosing constitutional county officers in a manner other than by election.

In addition, Proposal 13 would prohibit a county charter from abolishing or transferring duties of the clerks of court, the tax collector, the sheriff, and the supervisor of elections or property appraiser to another officer or office and from establishing the length of terms of county officers.

The Proposal will be heard before the full CRC.

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WHAT YOU CAN **DO NOW**.

The CRC process is far from over. At this point in the process, the full CRC will now begin traveling for the second time throughout the state to hear public input on approved proposals. Please attend your closest CRC public hearing to advocate for home rule and against Proposals 26 and 13.

Your FAC Team in Tallahassee will remain active with the CRC and continue to keep you informed of any new developments.

CRC Public Hearing Schedule

Tuesday, February 6, 2018 1:00 - 7:00 PM Nova Southeastern University Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Monday, February 19, 2018 1:00 - 7:00 PM Eastern Florida State College Melbourne, Florida

Tuesday, February 20, 2018 1:00 - 7:00 PM University of North Florida Jacksonville, Florida Tuesday, February 27, 2018 1:00 - 7:00 PM University of West Florida Pensacola, Florida

Tuesday, March 13, 2018 1:00 - 7:00 PM University of South Florida St. Petersburg, Florida

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