

CHANGE IN FORM OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT
OPTIONAL FORMS

1. **Form of government:** County Commission.
 - a. **Structure and Powers:** The county commission exercises both executive branch powers (administration and management of county activities) and legislative powers (enact ordinances and set taxes, budgets and fees) - - all powers exercised by one joint body.
 - b. **Officers:** Three county commissioners. Commissioners have staggered four year terms and are elected at-large (unless the optional plan states otherwise).
 - c. **Other elected officials:** Other elected county officials are elected as provided in the optional plan and offices can be consolidated in accordance with state statute. If consolidated, that officer's statutory duties and responsibilities must still be performed by some other office or person, as provided in the optional plan.

2. **Form of government:** Expanded County Commission.
 - a. **Structure and powers:** The county commission exercises both executive branch powers (administration and management of county activities) and legislative powers (enact ordinances and set taxes, budgets and fees) - - all powers exercised by one joint body.
 - b. **Officers:** Five or seven county commissioners. Commissioners have staggered four year terms and are elected at-large (unless the optional plan states otherwise).
 - c. **Other elected officials:** Other elected county officials are elected as provided in the optional plan and offices can be consolidated in accordance with state statute. If consolidated, that officer's statutory duties and responsibilities must still be performed by some other office or person, as provided in the optional plan.

3. **Form of government:** Elected executive/council.
 - a. **Structure and powers:** An elected executive or mayor exercises all executive branch powers (administration and management of county government) including veto power over council legislative acts. A separate elected council exercises all legislative branch powers (enact ordinances and set taxes, budgets and fees).
 - b. **Officers:** A mayor or executive is elected, with term, qualifications and compensation as established in the optional plan; he or she exercises executive branch powers. Elected council members - - number, terms, qualifications, and at-large or district status are all as provided in the optional plan; the council exercises all legislative powers.

- c. **Other elected officials:** Other elected county officials are elected as provided in the optional plan and offices can be consolidated in accordance with state statute. If consolidated, that officer's statutory duties and responsibilities must still be performed by some other office or person, as provided in the optional plan.
4. **Form of government:** Council/manager.
- a. **Structure and Powers:** An appointed manager exercises all executive branch powers (administration and management of county government) but the manager has no veto power over legislative enactments. A separate elected council exercises all legislative branch powers (enact ordinances and set taxes, budgets and fees).
 - b. **Officers:** Council members number, terms, qualifications, and at-large or district status are all as provided in the optional plan. A county manager is appointed by the county council, to serve at the council's pleasure, having such qualifications and compensation as established in the optional plan and exercising county management and administrative powers (except veto).
 - c. **Other elected officials:** Other elected county officials are elected as provided in the optional plan and offices can be consolidated in accordance with state statute. If consolidated, that officer's statutory duties and responsibilities must still be performed by some other office or person, as provided in the optional plan.