

SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SUBJECT: Reverse One Sumter Ballot Question (Board's Option).

REQUESTED ACTION: Board's Option

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting

DATE OF MEETING: 1/12/2021

CONTRACT: N/A

Vendor/Entity: _____

Effective Date: _____

Termination Date: _____

Managing Division / Dept: **Administrative Services**

BUDGET IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: _____

Type: N/A

EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT: _____

HISTORY/FACTS/ISSUES:

The topic of transition from a Board of County Commissioners elected at-large (countywide) (One Sumter) to single-member district election (Reverse One Sumter) is the focus of this agenda item for the Board's discussion and direction. The Supervisor of Elections and the County Attorney will be present to assist with the discussion.

In 2004 the voters passed the One Sumter referendum with the language of:

"Shall the five members of the Board of County Commissioners of Sumter County, Florida, be elected to office from at large districts by qualified electors residing in Sumter County?"

The vote occurred on August 31, 2004, with the total vote passing the referendum at 51.44% to 48.56% (10,577 to 9,983 votes).

In 2008 the voters did not pass the Reverse One Sumter referendum with the language of:

"Shall the five members of the Board of County Commissioners of Sumter County, Florida, be elected to office from single-member districts by electors residing in each of those districts only?"

The vote occurred on November 4, 2008, with the total vote not passing the referendum at 61.17% to 38.83% (28,012 to 17,782 votes).

Following the Special Called Meeting on December 15, 2020, the Board narrowed the options for the Board to consider at this meeting as follows:

Option 1: Approve the ballot question to Reverse One Sumter for the August 2022 Primary Election.

Option 2: Wait for the certification of a petition from registered voters for the ballot question to Reverse One Sumter before approving the ballot question for the next primary or general election in 2022.

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