

Home Rule Charter of the County of Macomb FAQs

- **What is the Home Rule Charter of Macomb County?**

A home rule charter is a document that defines a local government's governing structure. Home rule charters are adopted by popular vote and can allow local governments to have more control over local matters. A home rule county charter is a framework of county government that the people of a county design and adopt for themselves.

The Home Rule Charter of Macomb County can be found at:

<https://macombgovdocs.org/clerk/pdfs/charter-final.pdf>.

- **When did the Charter go into effect?**

The Home Rule Charter of Macomb County, Michigan took effect on January 1, 2011.

- **What is the purpose of the Charter?**

The purpose of the Charter was to convert the County of Macomb from a general law county to a home rule county under a locally adopted charter led by home rule county officers.

- **Why is the proposal to elect a charter commission for the purpose of generally revising the home rule charter on the ballot?**

The Board of Commissioners was required to place this language on the ballot per Section 10.5.3 of the Charter which states: "At the general election to be held in the year 2014, and in each 10th year thereafter, the question of a general revision of this Charter shall be submitted to the electors of the County. If a majority of the electors voting on the question decide in favor of a charter commission being elected in accordance with state law for such purpose, the provisions of state law shall govern to create a Charter Commission to prepare and present an amended or new county charter to the electors."

- **What does it mean if I vote yes?**

You support the creation of a Charter Commission to prepare and present an amended or new charter for electors to consider.

- **What does it mean if I vote no?**

You do not support the creation of a Charter Commission to prepare and present an amended or new charter for electors to consider.