



# City of Miami

## Legislation

### Resolution: R-18-0354

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**Final Action Date: 8/6/2018**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MIAMI CITY COMMISSION DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA, AS AMENDED ("CHARTER"), FOR CONSIDERATION AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 6, 2018, PROPOSING, UPON APPROVAL OF THE ELECTORATE, TO CHANGE TO A STRONG MAYOR-COMMISSION FORM OF GOVERNMENT; REPLACE CITY MANAGER WITH THE MAYOR; MAYOR SERVES AS NONVOTING, NON-MEMBER COMMISSION CHAIR; GRANT MAYOR POWER TO APPOINT AND REMOVE CITY ATTORNEY, CITY CLERK, POLICE AND FIRE CHIEF, DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES; CHANGE FILLING MAYORAL VACANCY AND PAY FORMULA; ADOPT STATE RECALL PROCEDURE; PROVIDE OTHER MAYORAL AND COMMISSION POWERS AND CHANGES; AND MAKE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY; MORE PARTICULARLY BY AMENDING SECTIONS 4, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29A, 36, AND 51 OF SAID CHARTER.

**SPONSOR(S): Mayor Francis Suarez**

WHEREAS, the City of Miami ("City") was incorporated by the Florida Legislature in 1896 and operates pursuant to the Charter of the City of Miami, Florida ("Charter"); and

WHEREAS, the Charter has been amended from time to time as the governance of the City has evolved; and

WHEREAS, an initiative petition proposing amendments to the Charter to change to a strong-mayor form of government has been certified by the Miami-Dade County supervisor of elections as having obtained the requisite number of signatures; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission wishes to submit the above-mentioned proposed amendments to the electorate, for approval or disapproval, at a Special Election to be held on November 6, 2018;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The recitals and findings contained in the Preamble to this Resolution are adopted by reference and incorporated as if fully set forth in this Section.

Section 2. The City Attorney is directed to prepare an amendment to the Charter for consideration at a Special Election to be held on November 6, 2018, proposing, upon approval of the electorate, to change to a strong mayor-commission form of government; replace city manager with the mayor; mayor serves as nonvoting, non-member commission chair; grant mayor power to appoint and remove city attorney, city clerk, police and fire chief, department directors and employees; change filling mayoral vacancy and pay formula; adopt state recall procedure; provide other mayoral and commission powers and changes; and make effective

immediately; more particularly by amending sections 4, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29a, 36, and 51 of said charter.

Section 3. The City Attorney is directed to present said amendments to the City Commission at the August 6, 2018, Special Meeting of the City Commission for approval.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and signature of the Mayor.<sup>1</sup>

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:

  
Victoria Méndez, City Attorney 8/3/2018

<sup>1</sup> If the mayor does not sign this Resolution, it shall become effective at the end of ten (10) calendar days from the date it was passed and adopted. If the Mayor vetoes this Resolution, it shall become effective immediately upon override of the veto by the City Commission.



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## Master Report

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**Sponsors:** Francis Suarez

**Notes:**

**Links:**

**Attachments:**

### History of Legislative File:

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	Victoria Méndez	8/3/2018	Approved Form and Correctness	Completed
	City Commission	8/6/2018	Meeting	Completed
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	City Clerk's Office	8/14/2018	Signed and Attested by the City Clerk	Completed
	City Clerk's Office	8/14/2018	Rendered	Completed