

BALLOT TITLE

Caption:

Changes Klamath County Government to Home Rule under County Charter

Question:

Shall Klamath County voters adopt a proposed Klamath County Charter and become a Home Rule County under Oregon Law?

Statement:

The measure changes the current form of Klamath County Government to County Home Rule under a County Charter effective July 1, 2014. Three non-partisan Klamath County Commissioners would govern the County as the policy board. The commissioners' terms of office will be four years. As of May 1, 2015 commissioners would be paid \$2,000.00 per month, shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred on county business, shall be reimbursed for travel to and from their residence to the County Government Center, shall be eligible to receive health care benefits, and shall not be entitled to receive any other benefits including a pension. Future raises in commissioner pay will be set by the county budget committee and may not exceed six percent (6%) per year.

Commissioners must appoint a County Administrator by May 1, 2015 to be responsible for carrying out county policy and be the head of the Administrative Branch of county government. All department heads, except elected officials, will be appointed and supervised by the County Administrator.

This measure does not allow any county employee to contribute or solicit funds to support the nomination or election of any candidate for elective county office.