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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides that a home rule charter or other plan of government may authorize a local ethics entity to audit or investigate certain boards and offices and provides that the legislature is not prohibited from enacting a law affecting a local governmental subdivision operating under a home rule charter if the law relates to a local ethics entity.

Present Constitution (Const. Art. VI, §5) authorizes a local governmental subdivision to draft, adopt, or amend a home rule charter. Provides the governing authority of a local subdivision may appoint a commission to prepare and propose a charter or an alternate charter, or may call an election to elect such a commission. Provides for the method of approving or amending a home rule charter. Provides for the adoption of a home rule charter by two or more local governmental subdivisions. Provides for the structure, organization, powers, and functions of a local governmental subdivision that has adopted a home rule charter.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution.

Present constitution provides that a home rule charter or other plan of government shall not contain provisions that affect a school board or the offices of district attorney, sheriff, assessor, clerk of a district court, or coroner, which is inconsistent with present constitution.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that a home rule charter or other plan of government may authorize a local ethics entity to audit or investigate a school board or the offices of district attorney, sheriff, assessor, clerk of a district court, or coroner.

Present constitution (Const Art. VI, §6) prohibits the legislature from enacting a law the effect of which changes or affects the structure and organization or the particular distribution and redistribution of the powers and functions of any local governmental subdivision which operates under a home rule charter.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that present constitution does not prohibit the legislature relating to local ethics entities.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held November 3, 2026.

(Amends Const. Art. VI, §§5(G) and 6)