

CHARTER COMMISSIONS

| State | Date Adopted | Counties Applicable | How Obtained | Official Title | Number of Members | How Chosen |
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| CALIFORNIA | 1911 | All. | Referendum election called by (a) board of supervisors [3/5 vote of] or (b) petition [voters equal to 15 per cent of those voting in county for governor in last election]. Constitution orders legislature to create a metropolitan charter board which shall draft charter. In manner set by law. | Board of Freeholders. | 15 | Elected. |
| FLORIDA | 1942 | Dade County. | | Metropolitan Charter Board. | Set by legislature. | Appointed by legislature. |
| HAWAII | 1959 | All. | In manner set by law. | In manner set by law. | Set by law. | Set by law. |
| LOUISIANA | 1960 | All except East Baton Rouge, Jefferson and Orleans (in which alternative charter commissions have already been set up). | Either by petition of 15 per cent of electors of Parish or upon an ordinance adopted by the Parish Police Jury. | Parish Charter Commission. | 11 | Set by Constitution or appointed by parish police jury. |
| MARYLAND | 1915 | All. | Referendum election called by petition (20 per cent of county's registered voters). | Charter Board. | 5 | Elected. |
| MICHIGAN | 1963 | All. | Board of Supervisors (by majority vote) and upon petition of 5 per cent of electors shall place on ballot question of whether or not to form a charter commission. | Charter Commission. | Set by law. | Elected. |
| MINNESOTA | 1958 | All. | Legislature shall provide by law for charter commissions—A local governmental unit has to be authorized, by law, to adopt a charter. | Charter Commission. | Set by law. | Set by legislature. |
| MISSOURI | 1945 | Those with populations over 85,000. | Petition to county governing body (electors equal to 20 per cent of those voting in county for governor in last election). | Commission of Freeholders. | 14—divided between 2 major parties. | Appointed by circuit and probate judges. |