

CHARTER RATIFICATION AND AMENDMENT

State	How Charters Ratified	How Amendments Proposed
CALIFORNIA	Popular vote (majority of those voting on question) and approved by state legislature (majority each house).	By board of supervisors or by petition.
FLORIDA	Ratified by voters of Dade County in a manner set by the legislature.	By method set out in charter.
HAWAII	In manner set by law.	Set by law.
LOUISIANA	Popular vote, at special election called by Police Jury.	Set by charter.
MARYLAND	Popular vote (majority of votes cast on proposition).	By county council or petition.
MICHIGAN	Popular vote (majority of electors voting on question).	As set by general law—except has to be approved by popular vote.
MINNESOTA	Popular vote (by such majority as legislature may prescribe by general law). If a charter provides for consolidation of a city and a county, it has to be approved by voters of both the city and the county (by required majorities).	By charter commission or by a petition of 5 per cent of voters of local unit.
MISSOURI	Popular vote (majority of votes cast on question).	As provided in charter.
NEW YORK	Approved on referendum by a majority of the votes cast thereon. If charter transfers functions from city or village to county, city or village has to approve it by majority vote.	By act of legislature or by local law.
OHIO	Popular vote (majority of electors voting thereon). If municipal powers are vested in county, favorable majorities are required also (a) in largest city of county, (b) in area outside largest city, and (c) in majority of county's municipalities and townships.	By county legislative authority or petition.
OREGON	By a majority vote of voters voting thereon at any legally called election.	Set by legislature.
TEXAS	Popular vote (majority of electors voting thereon). Unless legislature provides otherwise by 2/5 vote, separate favorable majorities are required (a) within incorporated municipalities and (b) in unincorporated areas.	As provided in charter.
WASHINGTON	Popular vote (majority of votes cast on question).	By county legislative authority.