

of a petition signed by five per cent of the qualified voters of the county or by ten thousand voters, whichever is less. If additional charter board members are nominated by petitions signed by three per cent of the qualified voters of the county or by three thousand voters, whichever is less, which shall be delivered to the board of county commissioners within sixty days after the charter board shall have been appointed, then the board of county commissioners shall call a special election not less than thirty nor more than ninety days after receipt of the petitions unless a regular election falls within the designated period. The appointees of the board of county commissioners and those nominated by petitions shall be placed on the ballot in alphabetical order without party designation. The voters shall be entitled to cast votes for, and elect, a number of nominees equal to the number of charter board members originally selected by the board of county commissioners and those so elected shall constitute the charter board. The charter board shall be responsible for drafting the instrument of government. Such charter board shall, within twelve months from the date of its appointment or in the event of an election within twelve months from the date of that election, present an instrument of government for the county to the board of county commissioners, who shall publish the same in at least two newspapers of general circulation published in the county within thirty days after it shall have been presented. Such instrument of government shall be submitted to the voters of the county at a special or regular election held not earlier than thirty days, nor later than ninety days, after publication of the instrument of government. If a majority of the votes cast for and against the adoption of the instrument of government shall be in favor of adoption, then such instrument of government shall, on the thirtieth day after such election, become effective as the instrument of government of that county, and any laws applying only to that county which are inconsistent with the instrument of government, shall be thereby repealed. Prior to the effective date of section 7.04 of the Constitution, all counties having an instrument of government shall exercise only those express powers prescribed by the General Assembly by law.

The effect of this section shall terminate on July 1, 1970.