

An ORDINANCE submitting to the qualified voters of Jackson County, Missouri, at the General Municipal Election to be held on April 7, 2026, a question to amend the Jackson County Charter, with an effective date.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Jackson County Legislature as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of Jackson County, Missouri for approval or disapproval of one question to amend the 2018 Jackson County Charter, as set forth in this Ordinance, at the general municipal election held in Jackson County, Missouri, on the first Tuesday in April 2026.

Section 2. Subject to the approval of the qualified voters in Jackson County, Missouri, at the general municipal election to be held on April 7, 2026, the 2018 Jackson County Charter is hereby amended with amended sections to read as follows:

ARTICLE III.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Section 6. The County Executive, in addition to other powers and duties provided in this charter, shall have the power to:

1. Appoint, subject to the County Legislature's power of disapproval, directors of departments, officers not otherwise provided for, members of boards and commissions, and acting officers to fill any vacancy in any appointive or elective office, except that of County Legislator or the Legislative Auditor; the County Executive shall file written notice of such appointments with the Clerk of the County Legislature.
2. Employ experts and consultants in connection with any of the functions of the county, and ensure that all professional services contracts over \$5,000, except in emergency situations, follow a competitive process to determine award of the contract.
3. Coordinate and supervise the work of the departments, officers and agencies of the county subject to his or her control.
4. Transfer employees from one department to another department to promote efficiency and economy. If the employee reports to the County Legislature, Sheriff, Prosecuting Attorney, Assessor, [or] Circuit Court, or Legislative Auditor, the transfer shall require the approval of the Legislature, applicable office holder or presiding judge of the Circuit Court.
5. Execute and enforce the provisions of this charter, and the ordinances, resolutions and policies of the County Legislature, and the laws of the state pertaining to the government of the county; see that all contracts with the county are faithfully performed and cause to be instituted in the name of the county appropriate actions thereon.

6. Attend meetings of the County Legislature and participate in its discussions without vote.
7. Recommend to the County Legislature such measures as may, in his or her opinion, tend to improve the county government and the general well being of the people; submit to the County Legislature an annual report of the affairs of the county; promote, encourage and participate in cooperative relationships between the county and political subdivisions and governmental bodies and agencies, either within or outside the county or state in matters relating to public health, ecology, highways, sewers, parks, safety, public welfare, and any and all other functions for the welfare of the people of Jackson County.
8. Investigate any matter or circumstance having to do with the operation of the county government, and examine witnesses, parties and others on oath or affirmation touching any matter or circumstance in the examination of any payroll, account, demand or claim against the county, and have access to all county books, records and papers kept by county officers and employees.
9. Represent the county and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by this charter or be required of the County Executive by ordinance or resolution of the County Legislature or as may be implied by the powers and duties specified in this charter, law or county ordinance.
10. Establish by County Executive order from time to time systems of administrative organization in the departments which shall be as uniform as the various departmental functions will permit.

ARTICLE V.

CHARTER OFFICERS

LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR

Section 16. Effective XXX, the Jackson County Legislative Auditor shall be elected at the general municipal election on April 7, 2026, and every four years thereafter. The Legislative Auditor shall take office on XXX following his or her election. The Legislative Auditor shall be a qualified voter, and shall have been domiciled in the county for at least three years before assuming office. No Legislative Auditor may service more than three consecutive terms commencing on or after XXX. The Legislative Auditor shall forfeit office if they:

1. Cease to be a qualified voter in the County;
2. Removes his or her residence from the County;
3. Holds any other federal, state, county or municipal elective office;

4. Owes federal income tax, Missouri state income tax, or Missouri local tax which remains unpaid for more than twelve months after such tax debt becomes final under the law of the jurisdiction assessing such tax, unless a payment plan to resolve such delinquency is in effect and is on current terms.

The Legislative Auditor shall be in charge of and responsible for XXX

ARTICLE VIII.

FINANCES

[AUDIT]

[Section 4.]