

HOME RULE:

DO YOU UNDERSTAND IT?

BECAUSE THE COUNTY OFFICIALS WHO DRAFTED THIS BALLOT EVIDENTLY DON'T!

REFERENDA

MEASURE 25 - 19

HOME RULE GOVERNMENT FOR MORROW COUNTY

Shall Morrow County adopt a "HOME RULE" form of government consisting of a Board of Commissioners and a County Administrator?

Oregon law provides that a County may adopt a "HOME RULE" charter as an alternative to our traditional form of County Government. Currently, a Judge and 2 Commissioners are the governing body. Under the proposed "HOME RULE" charter, those positions would be eliminated upon expiration. The Clerk, Assessor, and Treasurer positions would be appointed and the Sheriff and Justice of the Peace would remain elected positions. The appointed positions would serve under an administrator who in turn would serve 5 commissioners that would be elected at large.

YES ←
NO ←

1. They fail to mention that Morrow County's "traditional form of County Government" is that of a Statutory County in the State of Oregon. This means that when we became a county over 100 years ago, the State mandated the form our County Government would take. However, the State has also allowed counties the option of becoming Home Rule Counties by adopting a County Home Rule Charter. This charter is similar to a Constitution, or Articles of Incorporation, for other governmental entities.

A Statutory County is first and foremost an agent of the state. State statutes specifically define the structure of county government, which county officials shall be elected, and what services the county shall provide to it's citizens.

A Home Rule County, on the other hand, is an independent entity. It's citizens have the power to define, by charter, the most effective and efficient structure for their County Government.

2. They state that "the Clerk, Assessor, and Treasurer positions would be appointed". The proposed Home Rule Charter for Morrow County does not state that these positions will be appointed. It simply makes them, along with the Surveyor, non-elected positions. This gives the Board of Commissioners the authority to determine the structure of County Government.

For example, The Board of Commissioners could determine that the most efficient and effective form of County Government does not require six separate departments to perform the functions of Treasurer, Tax Collector, Finance Director, Assessor, Clerk and County Court. As a Statutory County we can't make that choice, but as a Home Rule County we can.

3. They state that the current three County Commissioner positions would be eliminated upon expiration of their term. In fact the proposed Charter would broaden representation from throughout the county by creating two additional County Commissioner positions.

**DON'T BE CONFUSED -
VOTE YES FOR HOME RULE
VOTE YES FOR LOCAL CONTROL
VOTE YES FOR MEASURE 25-19**

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