

Actual Ballot Language – May 6, 2008

Shall the County of Macomb elect a charter commission for the purpose of framing and submitting to the electorate of the county a county home rule charter under the constitution and laws of Michigan? **YES NO**

Timeline for Charter Commission

May 6, 2008	Ballot Election
May 9, 2008	Filing for Charter Commissioner
August 5, 2008	Primary for commission candidates
November 4, 2008	General election for charter commissioners
November 18, 2008	Clerk's Office must certify candidates
Nov. 28-Dec. 8, 2008	County Clerk hold first meeting of the Charter Commission
December 28, 2008	Organize and hold second commission meeting
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January – June 2009	180 days to write the charter
July 2009	30 days from completion to send to the Governor
August 2009	30 days for the Governor to approve the proposed charter or return it to the charter commission for revision (September - If the Governor rejects the charter, the charter commission has 45 days to revise the charter and resubmit it to the Governor, after which the Governor has 30 days to approve or disapprove the revised charter)
Sept.-Nov. 2009	After approval by the Governor, the charter commission has 10 days to set dates for the charter to be submitted to the electorate, for the primary election for county executive, and for the general election for county executive
Nov.-April 2009	Special Election on the charter (If the voters reject the charter, the charter must then be resubmitted to the Governor and to the voters) Primary election for county executive General election for county executive

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