

2. **REFERRING TO THE VOTERS AN AMENDMENT OF THE CLATSOP COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURE WHEN A TIE VOTE OCCURS**

2.1 PURPOSE

2.1.1 Clatsop County Home Rule Charter §30(5) requires the Board of County Commissioners to establish by ordinance any measure to be referred to the voters. This ordinance is to refer to the voters a measure to amend the Clatsop County Home Rule Charter.

2.2 ADOPTION CLAUSE

2.2.1 The Board of Commissioners hereby refers to the voters, at the November 2000, general election, the following Amendment to the Clatsop County Home Rule Charter: Clatsop County Home Rule Charter, Chapter III, Section 7, subsection (6) is added to read: (6) *When two or more candidates for the same office, after recount of votes, have an equal and the highest number of votes, the county elections officer shall have the candidates meet publicly to decide by lot who is elected.*

The Board of Commissioners adopts the following Ballot Title:

**CAPTION:** AMENDS HOME RULE CHARTER, ESTABLISHES PROCEDURE WHEN TIE VOTE OCCURS

**QUESTION:** Shall a tie vote in an election for the office of County Commissioner be decided by lot?

**FACTUAL EXPLANATION:** Amends the Clatsop County Home Rule Charter. The Charter currently does not address procedure in the event of a tie vote in an election for the office of County Commissioner. This Amendment would require candidates for a County Commission office, when there is a tie vote, to decide who is elected by lot. This is the same procedure as required by Oregon law (ORS 254.575) for other county, city, and special district public office elections.