



# 2026 County Government Platform

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## Public Safety/Criminal Justice Proposals

1. **Sealing Petty Offenses (JP's):** Allow petty offenses (currently only misdemeanor and felony) to be sealed once a plea is approved or sentence is served.
2. **Fentanyl No Prop 200 Protection (Attorneys):** Removes fentanyl from the protection of Prop 200.
3. **Vulnerable Adults (Attorneys):** Create a sentencing scheme that mirrors Dangerous Crimes Against Children sentencing that would apply to vulnerable adults.
4. **Felony Flight (Sheriffs):** Increase the penalties for unlawful flight under certain circumstances. Under the provisions of this bill, if the driver's actions recklessly endanger the lives of others, the offense could be charged as a Class 4 Felony.

## Efficiency Proposals

5. **Electronic Communication (Assessors):** Allow (not require) for electronic communication between Assessor offices and taxpayers if both parties agree.

## Election Proposals

6. **Signature Cap (Constables):** Constables will no longer need to collect signatures in excess of other county wide or larger county boundaries.
7. **Primary, Cure, & Provisionals (Elections):** Move up the Primary Election permanently to the last Tuesday in July, permanently shortening the cure deadline to be 5 calendar days, and mandating provisional ballots be researched and dispositions completed by Recorder's offices and reported to Elections Directors within 7 calendar days.
8. **Campaign Finance Address Redaction Judges (JP's):** Allows judges to maintain their address protection even on campaign finance documents.
9. **Voter Status (Recorders):** Allows for an additional voter status (active or inactive) to be included in the Signature Roster/e-Poll book .
10. **Mandatory EPM Stakeholders (Recorders):** Codifying that the Recorders shall be part of the Election Procedures Manual (EPM) drafting process.
11. **Voter Registration Notification (Recorders):** Clarify that notices when a voter's registration record is touched are only triggered for voters who wish to receive the notice, either electronically or via mail.
12. **Wet Signature (Recorders):** Requires MVD to collect and scan into the voter registration application a "wet" signature to ensure accurate and consistent signatures are available for the signature verification purposes.

## Property Proposals

- 13. Adverse Possessions (Assessors):** Changes the adverse possession laws by extending the required timeframes and simplifying the criteria to give property owners more time to notice and stop trespassers.
- 14. Conveyance Records (Assessors):** Changes language in statute that dictates both parties (grantor and grantee) must formally sign the conveyance agreement.
- 15. Defining Current Use (Assessors):** Clarifies “current use” in statute which to eliminate ambiguous language being litigated in court.
- 16. Lot Splits (Assessors):** Define “property combination” and “property split” in statute which will trigger a Rule-B calculation when performing minor lot consolidations or splits.
- 17. Permanent Crops (Assessors):** Clarifies that agricultural land does not include permanent crops or improvements that are subject to depreciation.
- 18. Senior Valuation Freeze (Assessors):** Eliminates the three-year renewal process for the senior valuation protection program, and will define “total income” to mean gross adjusted income.
- 19. Short Term Rentals “Current Use” (Assessors):** Taxes short-term rental properties (rented less than 30 days) at their full cash value. Properties that are the owner’s primary residence (Class 3) or long-term rentals (Class 4) are excluded.