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**JOINT RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL  
AMENDMENT AUTHORIZING CLASS A COUNTIES TO PURSUE  
COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTERS**

Home rule status for Class A counties can immeasurably strengthen local control and facilitate flexibility and diversity in addressing local needs and desires. This proposal offers many advantages including:

- home rule enables local public bodies to utilize diverse powers and procedures without the need for state enabling legislation;
- home rule enables local public bodies to be protected from state interference in matters that are local and municipal in nature; and
- home rule maintains flexibility and prerogative for the state government to manage and control matters that are of state or mixed state and local concern without home rule being an obstacle.

From the perspective of the procurement process, home rule status would better serve the unique needs of a class A counties and provide greater local flexibility while maintaining fair and competitive procurement processes. Becoming home rule will require counties to continue to follow State laws; however, home rule will enable counties to draft their own procurement code, which would consist of many of the current procurement code provisions, but can be written to serve the unique needs of the county.

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