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The -4 amendment is not just about passing Probate off to Circuit Court, it also removes the title, duties and the term length of a position the people elected. I agree, a government structure change is a decision to be made by the people of said county, that is the voters of said county, not the State Legislature or the 3 person County Court.

This admendment as written, would take away the peoples voice in how their county is governed, along with adding cost to the State Circuit Courts budget. As the -4 is written, 2 of the 3 Court members can change a County's government structure with a simply Order, thus avoiding any input from the voting population. Never should a change in the structure of a government be considered an **emergency**. Government structure change should only happen, if the will of the people speak through their **vote!**

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