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CHARTER GOVERNMENT CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE FORMED

State Representative Kevin Threlkeld, R-Washington, has announced the formation of a campaign committee to support charter government for Franklin County. Threlkeld filed the required Missouri Ethics Commission forms with the county clerk's office today and will serve as the campaign treasurer. The committee, Franklin Countians for Home Rule, will receive and expend funds in support of the upcoming ballot measure. Charter government, also known as Home Rule, is a form of governance already used in St. Charles County, St. Louis County, and Jackson County (Kansas City area) in Missouri. Threlkeld noted that the Franklin County commissioners have planned a ballot measure in 2008 on whether or not to establish charter government in the county. If the voters decide to proceed, then a three-branch system of government could be formed in place of the current three county commissioners. All other elected county offices could remain as they are. "A county executive, county council, and county court would establish the same three-branch system of government for Franklin County that already works at the federal, state, and city levels", Representative Threlkeld said. "With our county population now over 100,000 people and growing, we are looking forward to supporting this progressive way of governing."