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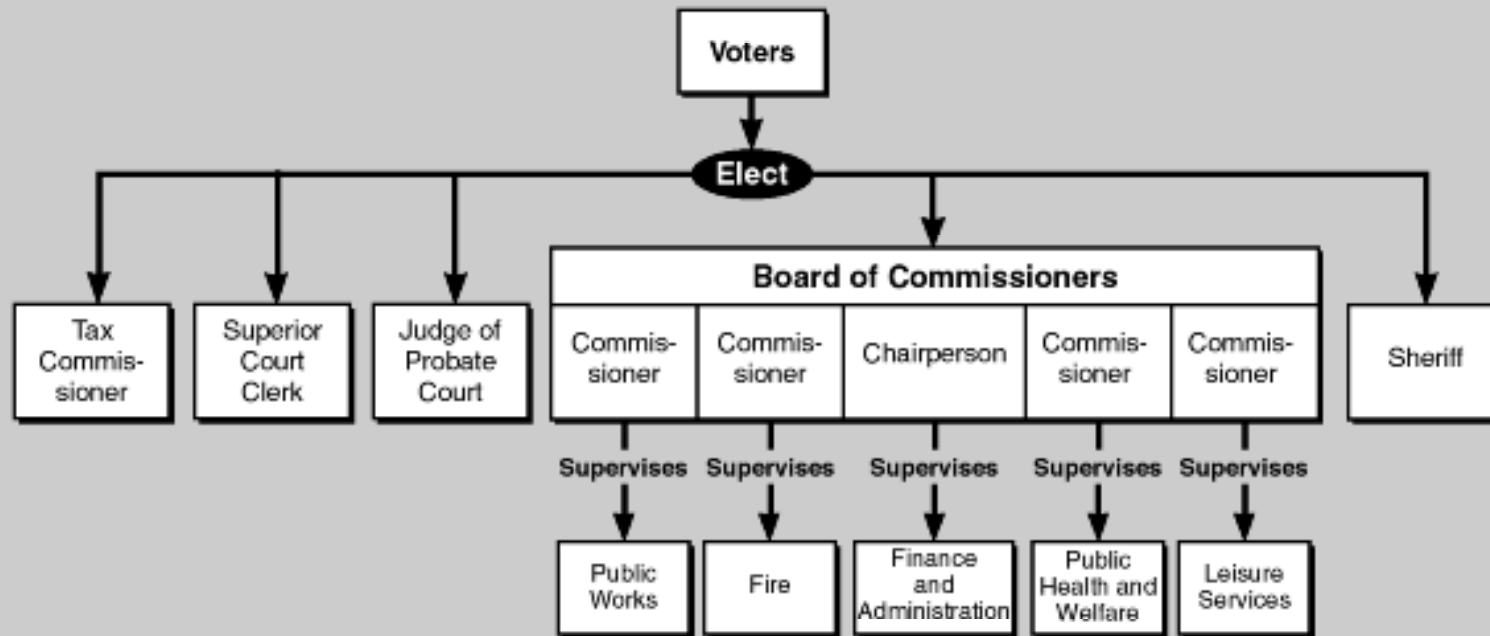
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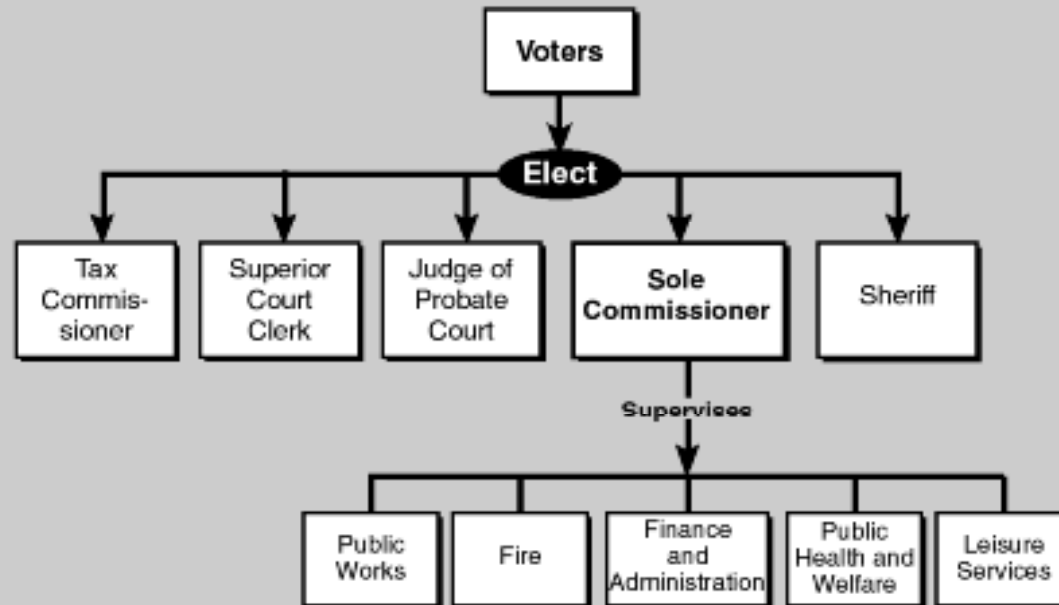
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Traditional Commission



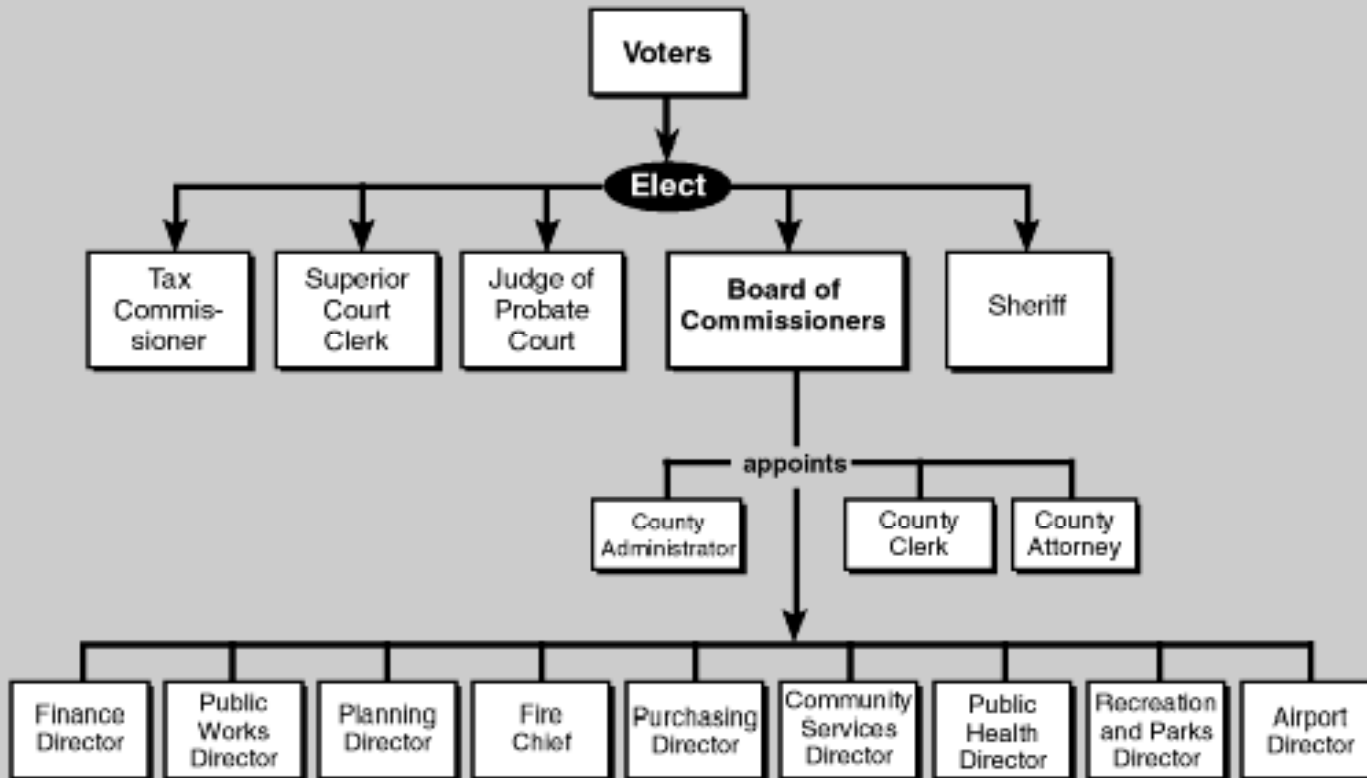
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Sole Commissioner



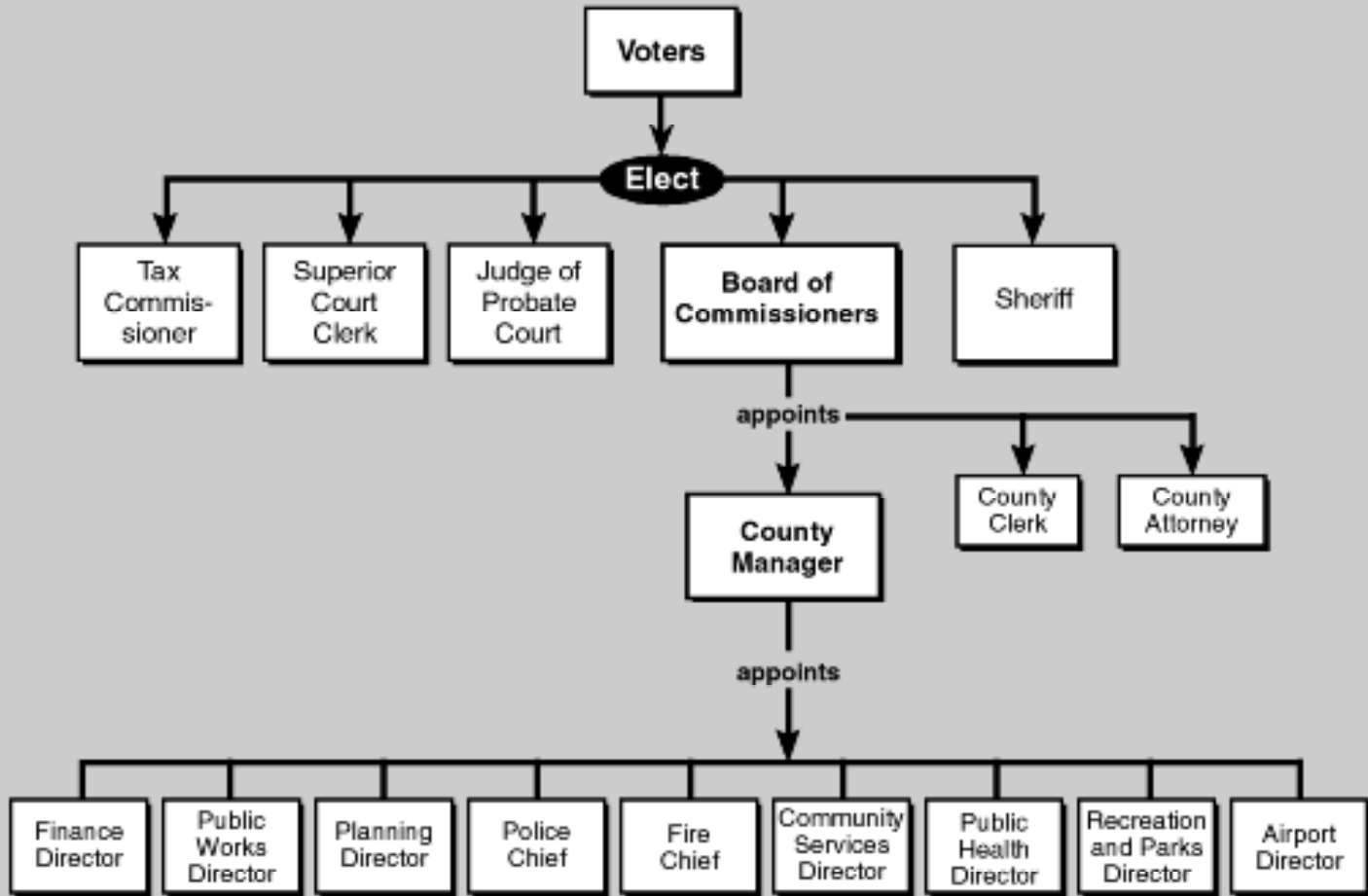
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Commission-Administrator



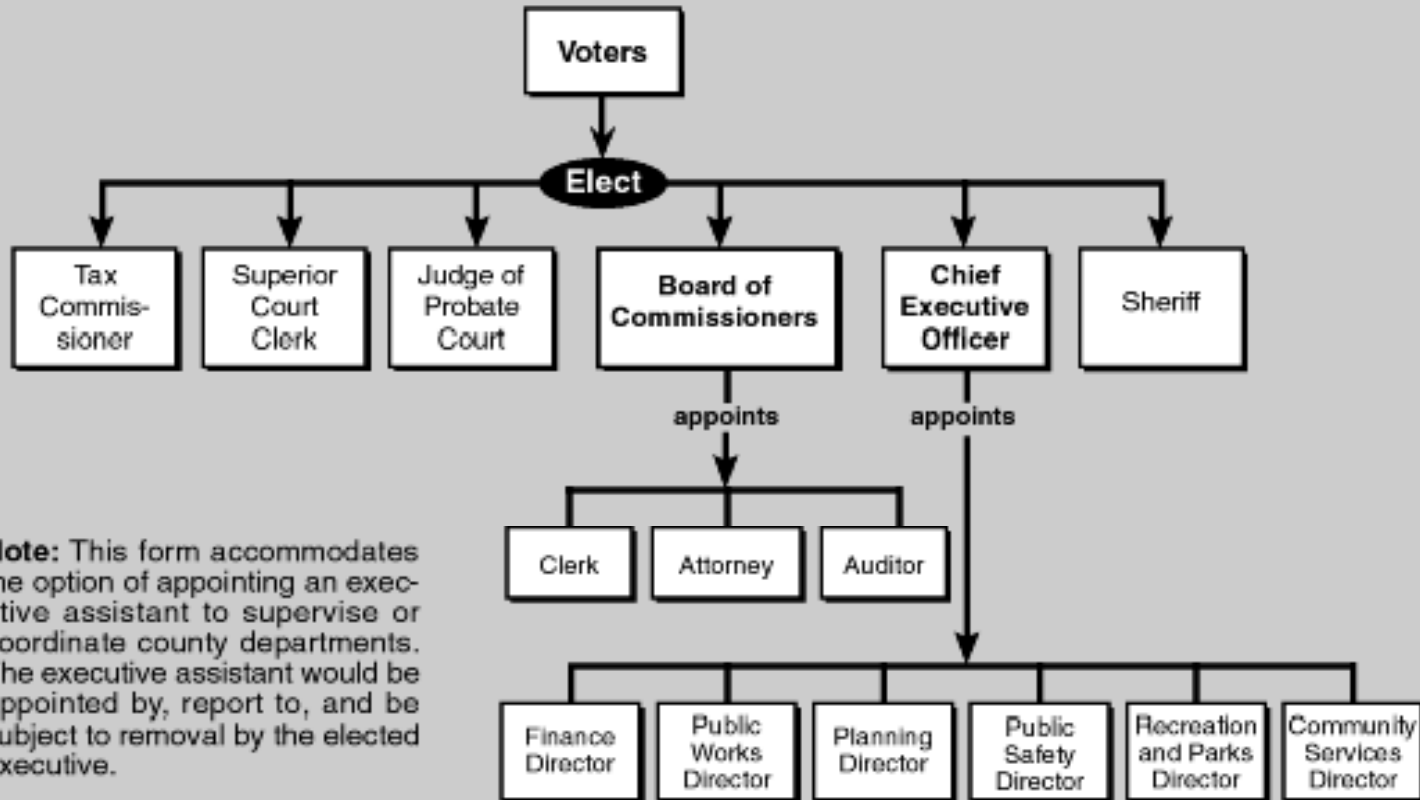
Note: As drawn in this hypothetical organization chart, the county administrator would coordinate the efforts of various departments headed by directors appointed by the board of commissioners. An alternative commission-administrator structure would place the county administrator directly beneath the board of commissioners in the path leading to most department heads, indicating greater supervisory responsibility, and could give the county administrator the authority to appoint and remove most department heads with concurrence of the commission.

Commission-Manager



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Elected Executive



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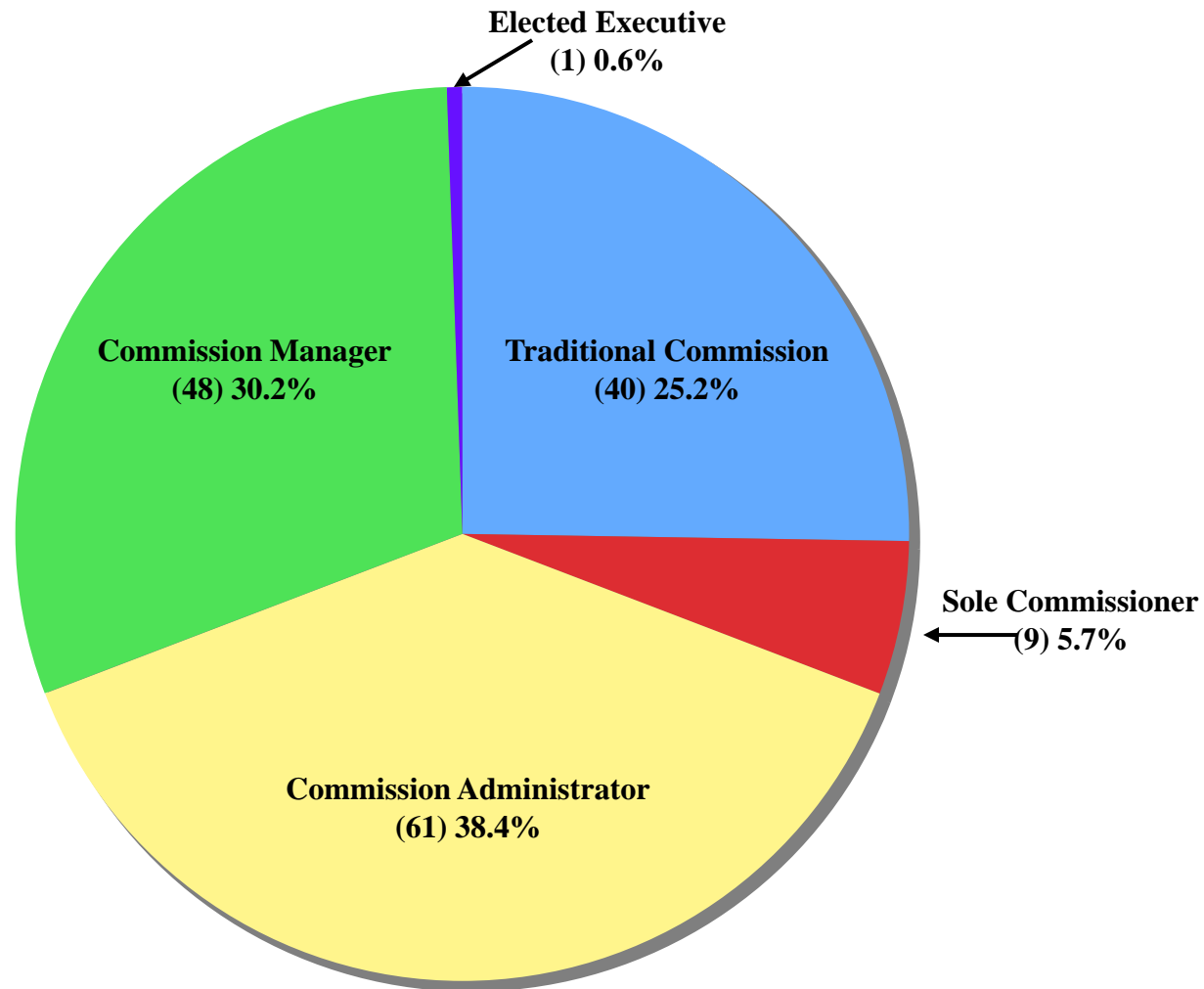
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Traditional Commission	40	25.2%
Sole Commissioner	9	5.7%
Commission Administrator	61	38.4%
Commission Manager	48	30.2%
Elected Executive	1	0.6%
	159	100.0%

Source: ACCG (Association County Commissioners of Georgia) 2006.

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Size of Georgia's County Commissions

# of Commissioners	# of Counties	Percentage of Total
1	9	5.7%
3	11	6.9%
4	1	0.6%
5	107	67.3%
6	14	8.8%
7	11	6.9%
8	2	1.3%
9	1	0.6%
11	3	1.9%
	159	100.0%

DeKalb has a total of 8 (7 commissioners plus 1 elected executive)

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