

RESOLUTION NO.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The city manager is directed to prepare an ordinance ordering an election on a uniform election date in 2008 to submit to the voters a proposed amendment to Article V, Section 6 of the City Charter. The council will choose an election date when it reviews the ordinance. The proposed amendment is as follows:

§ 6. CITY ATTORNEY.

There shall be a department of law, the head of which shall be the city attorney, who shall be appointed by a majority vote of the city council [~~city manager~~] for a five-year term of office. During the five-year term of office, the city council may remove the city attorney by a vote of three-fourths of its members. After the five-year term of office, the city council may remove the city attorney by a majority vote. The city attorney shall be a competent attorney who shall have practiced law in the State of Texas for at least five (5) years immediately preceding his or her appointment. The city attorney shall be the legal advisor of, and attorney for, the city council and all of the officers and departments

of the city, and he or she shall represent the city in all litigation and legal proceedings. He or she shall draft, approve, or file his or her written legal objections to, every ordinance before it is acted upon by the council, and he or she shall pass upon all documents, contracts and legal instruments in which the city may have an interest.

There shall be such assistant city attorneys as may be authorized by the council and appointed by the city manager, who shall be authorized to act for and on behalf of the city attorney.

ADOPTED: _____, 2007

ATTEST: _____

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk