

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING AN ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN ON NOVEMBER 6, 2012, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING A PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT TO THE VOTERS.

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

PART 1. A charter amendment election shall be held in the City on November 6, 2012 at which the ballot shall be prepared to permit voting “yes” or “no” on the following proposition:

Proposition ---

Shall the City Charter be amended to move the City’s general election date from May to November?

PART 2. If Proposition --- is approved by the majority of voters voting at the election, Article III, § 2 of the Charter is amended to read as follows:

§ 2 ELECTION BY MAJORITY AND RUN-OFF ELECTIONS.

The regular election of the Mayor and councilmembers shall be held on the November [~~May~~] uniform election date authorized by state law. At every regular election and at every special election called to fill one or more vacant places on the council, election to each place on the council shall be by a majority of all the votes cast for such place at such election. In every such election each qualified voter shall vote for not more than one candidate for each council place to be filled. Where in an election to a place on the council, no candidate receives a majority of all the votes cast for such place at such election, the council shall, immediately upon declaring the official results of the election, issue a call for a run-off election for every place to which no one was elected. Such run-off election shall be held in accordance with state law and the two (2) candidates who received in the preceding election the highest number of votes for each place to which no one was elected shall be voted on again, and the candidate who receives the majority of the votes cast for each such place in the run-off election shall be elected to such place.

PART 3. This ordinance takes effect on -----, 2012.

PASSED AND APPROVED

_____, 2012

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Lee Leffingwell
Mayor

APPROVED: _____

Karen Kennard
City Attorney

ATTEST: _____

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk