

ORDINANCE NO. 20060302-005

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING AN ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN ON MAY 13, 2006, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING A PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT TO THE VOTERS; AND PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION.

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 May 13, 2006, at which the ballot shall be prepared to permit voting "yes" or "no" on the following proposition:

Shall the City Charter be amended to change the initial date of the term served by the mayor and council members to comply with a change in state election law?

PART 2. If this proposition is approved by the majority of the voters voting at the election, the current Article II, Section 1 of the City Charter is amended to read:

§ 1. NUMBER, SELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE.

The council shall be composed of seven (7) councilmembers who, unless sooner removed under the provisions of this Charter, shall hold their offices for a term of three (3) years beginning on a date established by council by ordinance not later than eight (8) weeks after the date of an election for mayor or a councilmember ~~[the fifteenth day of May, 1985, with the mayor and half the councilmembers receiving an initial three-year term, and the remaining councilmembers receiving an initial two-year term and thereafter each councilmember will serve a three-year term,]~~ or until their successors have been elected and duly qualified. ~~[The councilmembers elected in 1985 shall draw lots to determine which ones serve three-year terms.]~~ The councilmembers shall be elected from the city at large, and each councilmembers shall be elected to and occupy a place on the council, such places being numbered and designated 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and mayor. The mayor and the councilmembers serving in Place 2, Place 5, and Place 6 shall be elected in 2006 and every three years thereafter. The councilmembers serving in Place 1, Place 3, and Place 4 shall be elected in 2008 and every three years thereafter.

PART 3. The election shall be conducted as provided in Ordinance No. 20060302-002. The provisions of Ordinance No. 20060302-002 relating to the conduct of the election are incorporated by reference as part of this ordinance.

PART 4. This ordinance takes effect on March 13, 2006.

PASSED AND APPROVED

March 2, 2006

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Will Wynn
Mayor

APPROVED: _____
David Allan Smith
City Attorney

ATTEST: _____
Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk