

Proposal 2

Digest

This proposed amendment would extend the deadline for a special election from 60 to 120 days when the mayor, councilmember or prosecutor vacates his or her office. In addition, the City Council may appoint a temporary successor to a Council vacancy and if the Council does not name a successor within 30 days of the vacancy, the mayor will make the appointment.

Question

Should the deadline for a special election to replace elected officers be extended from 60 to 120 days, and should the council be able to appoint a temporary member until a special election is held?

Yes _____ No _____

Present Situation

The time provided for special elections by the City Charter does not comply with state law, and when a councilmember leaves office mid-term, there is no provision for appointing a temporary replacement.

If Proposal Passes

The scheduling of city special elections would be in compliance with state law, and the City Council would be able to appoint a temporary replacement member, with the mayor to name a successor if the council does not name a successor within 30 days of the vacancy.