

## **Housekeeping Amendments (23, 34, 36, 79, 90)**

### **Digest**

This proposed series of technical amendments brings the City Charter into conformity with current city practices and state law.

### **Question**

Should the Charter be amended for housekeeping amendments (i) to conform to current functions and operation, (ii) to conform to legal requirements, (iii) to correct an inadvertent omission, and (iv) for clarity?

- (a) Require city books and records be open to inspection, including those of the police department and the prosecuting attorney;
- (b) Require the corporation counsel to update the City Charter within one year of an election at which charter amendments by the charter commission are approved;
- (c) Require the charter commission to submit amendments to the city clerk five working days before the deadline for ballot questions to be submitted to the state Chief Election Officer;
- (d) Require that all written contracts of the Board of Water Supply and the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation be approved by the corporation counsel for form and legality; and
- (e) Require that the city centralized purchasing practices conform to the state procurement code;

**YES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Present Situation**

(a) The City Charter excludes records of the police department and the prosecuting attorney from public inspection, although state law requires open records. (b) There is no requirement for the preparation of an updated edition of the City Charter following approval of Charter amendments. (c) The Charter Commission is required to submit amendments to the city clerk any time before September 1 of the year when amendments will be placed on the ballot. (d) The Board of Water Supply and the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation are not required to obtain approval on written contracts from the corporation counsel with regard to form and legality. (e) Charter language does not describe the City's centralized purchasing practices, which conform to the state procurement code.

### **If Proposal Passes**

(a) An updated edition of the City Charter would be published within a year of the election at which Charter amendments are approved. (b) An updated edition of the City Charter would be published within a year of the election at which amendments are approved. (c) The city clerk would receive Charter amendments from the Charter Commission five working days before the state deadline, providing sufficient time for the city clerk to submit the amendments to the state

Chief Election Officer. (d) The Board of Water Supply and the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation would be required to obtain approval from the corporation counsel on all written contracts, with regard to form and legality. (e) The Charter would accurately state that the city follows the requirements of the state procurement code.