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Caption:

Amends Charter: Creates water and sewer district with elected board

Question: Shall Portland create district not subject to city council control, with elected board, transfer city water, sewer services to it?

Summary: Measure creates water and sewer district outside City Council or City Auditor supervision; transfers control of water and sewer operations and assets to board of seven uncompensated members elected (initially by plurality vote) for three year terms from zones approximating Portland Public School zones (area outside Portland Public School District not addressed). Board fills board vacancies by appointment. Persons disqualified as Board candidates: persons holding any elected position; persons formerly working or contracting with City related to water/sewer; current District contractors and employees. Earlier City employment disqualifies lawyer or auditor to work for District. Board can legislate; create civil and criminal liability; hire and fire employees; set rates; adopt budgets; provide for financial audits; purchase and condemn property; borrow funds; create City sewer and water bond liability; assess properties for water and sewer local improvement districts. City water and sewer employees transfer to District. District cannot mix Bull Run water except with water from existing well field, without emergency; cannot make watershed regulations less "protective," by undefined standard; cannot take certain other actions. Other provisions.

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