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Title, Number or other Identifier

Amends Charter Review Committee qualifications, appointment, length; requires public engagement

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Drafting of Ballot Title Attach referral text.

Publication of Notice Ballot title below.

Ballot Title Additional requirements may apply

Caption 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure.

See attached.

Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.

See attached.

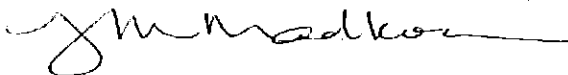
Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.

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August 11, 2022

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Charter Review Committee Amendment Ballot Title & Explanatory Statement

Caption (10/10): Amends Charter Review Committee qualifications, appointment, length; requires public engagement

Question (20/20): Should charter require county board to appoint Charter Review Committee by commissioner district for 18 month process with public engagement?

Summary (174/175): Under current charter, state legislators appoint Charter Review Committee after application process with timelines, with two electors appointed from each senatorial district with majority of voters in county, and one elector appointed from each senatorial district with less than majority of voters in county. Appointees from same district cannot be registered in same political party. Committee can meet from September to August (up to 11 months). Committee chooses chairperson.

Under amendment recommended by Charter Review Committee, timeline for application and appointment would be removed. After application process, county board would appoint four electors from each commissioner district (16 members) and endeavor to appoint committee that represents diverse communities in the county. Removes restriction on appointee political party; appointee moving between districts after appointment could continue to serve. Committee could meet from March to August of the following year (up to 18 months). Committee to choose leadership. Office of Citizen Involvement could fill vacancies and would be required to staff committee and conduct public education, outreach, engagement that aligns with county's equity and inclusion values.

Explanatory Statement (500/500): Every six years, Multnomah County convenes a Charter Review Committee to make a comprehensive study of the County's home rule charter, and, if it chooses, the committee can recommend amendments to the charter to be submitted to the voters.

Under current charter, the Charter Review Committee is composed of two electors appointed from each senatorial district having the majority of its voters within the county, and one elector appointed from each senatorial district having less than a majority of its voters within the county. The committee is appointed by the state senator and two state representatives who represent residents in each state senate district located in the county. The Office of Citizen Involvement begins accepting applications in January of the year that the committee convenes, and forwards those applications to the state senator who represents each applicant. The state legislators appoint committee members in August of that same year. Appointees from the same district cannot be registered in the same political party. The current charter does not address how vacancies are filled or whether a committee member can continue to serve if they move out of the district they were appointed to represent. The charter provides that the committee will choose a chairperson. Under current charter, the committee convenes in September and must make its final report by the following August, allowing up to 11 months for the committee to study the charter and determine whether to make recommendations.

This charter amendment recommended by the current Charter Review Committee would change the Charter Review Committee member qualifications and appointment process. It would also extend the length of the time during which the committee could meet and would require the process to include public engagement.

In particular, this amendment removes the application and appointment timeline. The Office of Citizen Involvement would continue to administer the committee application and evaluation process, but appointments would be by the county chair with the approval of the board of county commissioners. Appointments would be by county commissioner district, rather than senate district, with four electors appointed per district, for a 16 member committee. There would be no requirement that appointees from the same district be from different political parties. The amendment would require the board to endeavor to appoint a committee that represents the diverse communities in the county. The committee would choose its own leadership structure.

The committee would convene in March of the year before it is required to make its final report, allowing up to 18 months for the committee to study the charter and determine whether to make recommendations.

The amendment would clarify that an appointee who moves between commissioner districts can continue to serve on the committee and would allow the Office of Citizen Involvement to fill vacancies.

The amendment would require the Office of Citizen Involvement to staff the committee and include public education, outreach, and engagement that aligns with the county's equity and inclusion values as part of the committee process, including as part of the application process.

EXHIBIT E

Charter Review Committee Amendment Text

(Language stricken is deleted; underlined language is new.)

CHAPTER XII. MISCELLANEOUS

- 12.10. Existing Legislation.
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- 12.50. Scope Of Committee Review.
- 12.60. Report Of Committee.
- 12.70. Submission Of Amendments To The People.

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12.30. Charter Review Committee.

(1) There shall be convened a charter review committee for the purpose of making a comprehensive study of the Multnomah County home rule charter and, if the committee chooses, submitting to the people of Multnomah County amendments to the charter.

~~12.40. Appointment Of Committee Members.~~

~~(2) The charter review committee shall be composed as follows:~~

~~(1) The committee shall have two four electors appointed from each senatorial commissioner district having the majority of its voters within Multnomah County, and shall have one elector appointed from each senatorial district having less than a majority of its voters within Multnomah County. The committee shall choose their chairperson leadership from among themselves and shall have authority to establish their own procedures and organization.~~

~~(23) The appointment of electors shall proceed as follows:~~

~~(a) On January 1, 2021, and every six years thereafter, the Office of Citizen Involvement shall begin accepting applications for electors. The Office of Citizen Involvement shall administer the charter review committee application and evaluation process. The Office of Citizen Involvement shall ~~take reasonable steps to inform~~ engage the residents of Multnomah County ~~with~~ of the purpose of informing them about the charter review committee and the opportunity to serve on the committee, and shall~~

endeavor to produce a diverse pool of applicants. Only residents of Multnomah County are eligible to serve on the charter review committee.

~~(b) On April 1, 2021, and every six years thereafter, the Office of Citizen Involvement shall deliver each application to the state senator who represents the applicant.~~

~~(c) The state senator and the two state representatives who represent residents in each state senate district located in Multnomah County shall have until August 15, 2021, and every six years thereafter, to appoint the electors for the district. Before the charter review committee's first meeting, electors for each district shall be appointed by the chair of the board of commissioners with the approval of the board. The board shall endeavor to appoint a committee that represents the diverse communities in the county. Appointees shall reside in the district they are appointed to represent and Multnomah County. An appointee who moves between commissioner districts after appointment may continue to serve on the committee. If the three appointers from any senate district cannot agree upon an appointment, any two of the three appointers may make the appointment.~~

~~(d) If two electors are appointed from a senate district, they shall not be registered in the same political party.~~

~~(3) (c) The following persons are not eligible for appointment to the committee: the state senators and state representatives who represent districts located in Multnomah County, the members of the Multnomah County board of county commissioners, and the chair of the board, if any, serving at the time of appointment.~~

(d) The Office of Citizen Involvement may fill vacancies on the committee.

(4) The committee shall convene its' first meeting in ~~September 2024~~March 2027, and every six years thereafter. The Office of Citizen Involvement shall convene and staff the meetings of the charter review committee.

(5) The Office of Citizen Involvement shall work with the committee to include public education, outreach, and engagement that aligns with the county's equity and inclusion values as part of the committee process.

(6) The Board of County Commissioners shall appropriate sufficient funds for the Office of Citizen Involvement to carry out its duties herein.

12.50. Scope Of Committee Review.

(1) The committee shall commence study of the charter by all appropriate means including open hearings and meetings, the taking of testimony and interviewing witnesses.

(2) The committee shall review the county charter and any issues relating thereto. The committee shall review the section 4.30 process for adjusting compensation for commissioners.

12.60. Report Of Committee.

At least 95 days prior to the primary or general election or both of 2004 and every six years thereafter, the committee shall report to the people and to the board of county commissioners their findings, conclusions, and recommendations including any amendments they propose to the county charter.

12.70. Submission Of Amendments To The People.

All amendments proposed by the committee shall be submitted to the people of Multnomah County at the 2004 and every six years thereafter primary or general election, or both.