

Ballot Simplification Committee - DRAFT for Consideration on Tuesday, July 31, 2012

Consolidating Odd-Year Municipal Elections *(working title only, subject to change)*

The Way It Is Now:

The Mayor, Sheriff, District Attorney, City Attorney and Treasurer are elected to four-year terms. The Mayor, Sheriff and District Attorney are elected in November of the same year. The City Attorney and Treasurer are elected in November of a different year. The next election for City Attorney and Treasurer will be in 2013. The next election for Mayor, Sheriff and District Attorney will be in 2015.

The Proposal:

Proposition ___ is a Charter Amendment would change the election cycle for City Attorney and Treasurer so that these offices would be elected at the same time as the Mayor, Sheriff and District Attorney, beginning in 2015.

Under Proposition ____, the persons elected as City Attorney and Treasurer in 2013 would serve a two-year term. In November 2015 and every fourth year after that, the City would elect a City Attorney and Treasurer for a four-year term, in addition to a Mayor, Sheriff, and District Attorney. There would be no regularly-scheduled election in 2017 and every fourth year after that.

Proposition ___ would also make technical changes to a term limits provision and to the definition of "general municipal election."

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want to amend the Charter to change the election cycle for City Attorney and Treasurer so that these offices would be elected at the same time as the Mayor, Sheriff and District Attorney.

A "NO" Vote Means: If you vote "no," you do not want to make this change.

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