
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6318

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By Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Keiser and Fairley)

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1 AN ACT Relating to city charter elections; and amending RCW
2 35.22.100, 35.22.190, 35A.08.110, and 35A.09.070.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 35.22.100 and 1965 c 7 s 35.22.100 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 If a majority of the votes cast at the election upon the adoption
7 of the proposed charter favor it, certificates of election shall be
8 issued to each officer elected at that election. Within ten days after
9 the issuance of the certificates of election, the newly elected
10 officers shall qualify as provided in the charter, and on the tenth day
11 thereafter at twelve o'clock noon of that day, the officers so elected
12 and qualified shall enter upon the duties of the offices to which they
13 were elected and at such time the charter shall be authenticated,
14 recorded, attested and go into effect. When so authenticated, recorded
15 and attested, the charter shall become the organic law of the city and
16 supersede any existing charter and amendments thereto and all special
17 laws inconsistent therewith. If the vote in favor of adopting a
18 charter receives forty percent or less of the total vote on the
19 question of charter adoption, no new election on the question of

1 charter adoption may be held for a period of two years from the date of
2 the election in which the charter proposal failed.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 35.22.190 and 1965 c 7 s 35.22.190 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 If a majority of the voters voting upon the adoption of the
6 proposed new, altered or revised charter favor it, it shall become the
7 charter of the city and the organic law thereof, superseding any
8 existing charter. All bodies or offices abolished or dispensed with by
9 the new, altered or revised charter, together with the emoluments
10 thereof shall immediately cease to exist, and any new offices created
11 shall be filled by appointment of the mayor until the next general
12 election subject to such approval by the city council as may be
13 required by the new, altered or revised charter. If the vote in favor
14 of adopting, altering, or revising a charter receives forty percent or
15 less of the total vote on the question of charter adoption, alteration,
16 or revision, no new election on the question of charter adoption,
17 alteration, or revision may be held for a period of two years from the
18 date of the election in which the charter proposal failed.

19 **Sec. 3.** RCW 35A.08.110 and 1967 ex.s. c 119 s 35A.08.110 are each
20 amended to read as follows:

21 If a majority of the votes cast at the election upon the adoption
22 of the proposed charter favor it, certificates of election shall be
23 issued to each officer elected at that election. Within ten days after
24 the issuance of the certificates of election, the newly elected
25 officers shall qualify as provided in the charter, and on the tenth day
26 thereafter at twelve o'clock noon of that day or on the next business
27 day if the tenth day is a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, the officers so
28 elected and qualified shall enter upon the duties of the offices to
29 which they were elected and at such time the charter shall be
30 authenticated, recorded, attested and go into effect, and the city
31 shall thereafter be classified as a charter code city. When so
32 authenticated, recorded, and attested, the charter shall become the
33 organic law of the city and supersede any existing charter and
34 amendments thereto and all special laws inconsistent therewith. If the
35 vote in favor of adopting a charter receives forty percent or less of
36 the total vote on the question of charter adoption, no new election on

1 the question of charter adoption may be held for a period of two years
2 from the date of the election in which the charter proposal failed.

3 **Sec. 4.** RCW 35A.09.070 and 1967 ex.s. c 119 s 35A.09.070 are each
4 amended to read as follows:

5 If a majority of the voters voting upon the adoption of the
6 proposed new, altered, or revised charter favor it, it shall become the
7 charter of the charter code city and the organic law thereof,
8 superseding any existing charter; but if any offices are abolished or
9 dispensed with by the new, altered, or revised charter, and any new
10 offices created thereby, such charter shall not go into effect until
11 the election and qualification of such new officers at the next general
12 municipal election if one is to be held within one hundred and eighty
13 days, or at a special election to be held for that purpose not less
14 than ninety days, nor more than one hundred and eighty days after
15 approval of such charter by the voters. If the vote in favor of
16 adopting, altering, or revising a charter receives forty percent or
17 less of the total vote on the question of charter adoption, alteration,
18 or revision, no new election on the question of charter adoption,
19 alteration, or revision may be held for a period of two years from the
20 date of the election in which the charter proposal failed.

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