
SENATE BILL 6318

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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, 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 a charter receives forty percent or less of the total vote
15 on the question of charter adoption, no new election on the question of
16 charter adoption may be held for a period of two years from the date of
17 the election in which the charter proposal failed.

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

20 If a majority of the voters voting upon the adoption of the
21 proposed new, altered, or revised charter favor it, it shall become the
22 charter of the charter code city and the organic law thereof,
23 superseding any existing charter; but if any offices are abolished or
24 dispensed with by the new, altered, or revised charter, and any new
25 offices created thereby, such charter shall not go into effect until
26 the election and qualification of such new officers at the next general
27 municipal election if one is to be held within one hundred and eighty
28 days, or at a special election to be held for that purpose not less
29 than ninety days, nor more than one hundred and eighty days after
30 approval of such charter by the voters. If the vote in favor of
31 adopting a charter receives forty percent or less of the total vote on
32 the question of charter adoption, no new election on the question of
33 charter adoption may be held for a period of two years from the date of
34 the election in which the charter proposal failed.

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