

Requested by Chairman Steve Twist, includes changes in election terminology approved by the Task Force on Sept. 14, 2009

OPTION B

AMEND ARTICLE 9, SECTION 5, OF THE CITY CHARTER TO CHANGE THE METHOD FOR CALCULATING THE MAJORITY OF VOTES NEEDED FOR A CANDIDATE TO BE ELECTED AT THE ~~GENERAL~~ PRIMARY ELECTION:

Effect of amendment: Provides that the method for determining whether a candidate is elected at the City's general election shall be based on votes, rather than ballots, cast.

Sec. 5. Majority to elect in general PRIMARY.

Any candidate who shall receive at the general PRIMARY election, the number of votes constituting a majority of all of the ballots **VOTES** cast **IN THAT CANDIDATE'S RACE**, shall be declared to be elected to the office for which he is a candidate, and no further elections shall be held as to said candidate. ~~provided that if more candidates receive the number of votes constituting a majority of all of the ballots cast than there are offices to be filled, then those candidates, equal in number of the offices to be filled, receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared to be elected.~~

THE MAJORITY OF VOTES CAST SHALL BE DETERMINED BY DIVIDING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VALID VOTES CAST IN EACH CANDIDATE'S RACE BY THE NUMBER OF SEATS TO BE FILLED, DIVIDING THAT NUMBER IN HALF, AND ROUNDING TO THE NEXT HIGHEST WHOLE NUMBER.

IF MORE CANDIDATES THAN THERE ARE OFFICES TO BE FILLED RECEIVE THE NUMBER OF VOTES CONSTITUTING A MAJORITY OF ALL OF THE VOTES CAST, THEN THOSE CANDIDATES, EQUAL IN NUMBER OF THE OFFICES TO BE FILLED, RECEIVING THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL BE DECLARED TO BE ELECTED.