

As requested by Alan Kaufman, substitutes **THE CONSTITUTIONAL TERM** "legal votes" for "valid votes" **IN ALL THREE SUBPARAGRAPHS**

OPTION B1

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~~ **PRIMARY** election shall be based on **THE NUMBER OF LEGAL** votes, rather than **THE NUMBER OF** ballots, **ACTUALLY** cast **IN THAT CANDIDATE'S RACE**.*

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 **LEGAL 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. **A "LEGAL VOTE" MEANS A VOTE ACTUALLY CAST IN THAT CANDIDATE'S RACE AND EXCLUDES BALLOTS AND OTHER VOTES THAT WERE NOT ACTUALLY CAST IN THAT RACE.** ~~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 LEGAL 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 **LEGAL VOTES CAST, THEN THOSE CANDIDATES, EQUAL IN NUMBER **TO THE NUMBER** OF THE OFFICES TO BE FILLED, RECEIVING THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF **LEGAL** VOTES SHALL BE DECLARED TO BE ELECTED.**