



Legislation Text

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CITY OF SEATTLE

RESOLUTION _____

A RESOLUTION regarding Initiative 134 concerning allowing voters to vote for multiple candidates in primary elections (rejected by the City Council on July 14, 2022); authorizing the City Clerk and the Executive Director of the Ethics and Elections Commission to take those actions necessary to enable proposed Initiative 134 to appear on the November 8, 2022, ballot and the local voters' pamphlet in conjunction with the Ranked Choice Voting proposal (City Council Bill 120369), which is a proposed alternative measure on the same subject matter in accordance with Charter Article IV; requesting the King County Elections Director to place the proposed Initiative 134 and its alternate on the November 8, 2022, election ballot in accordance with applicable law; and providing for the publication of such proposed Initiative Measure and its alternate.

WHEREAS, proponents submitted to the City Clerk a ballot measure petition concerning allowing voters to vote for multiple candidates in primary elections (which the City Clerk designated as Seattle Initiative No. 134 in Clerk File No. 322196); and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk forwarded the petition to the Director of King County Elections for certification of whether the petition bears a sufficient number of valid signatures to qualify for introduction to the City Council as provided in Seattle City Charter Article IV, Section 1; and

WHEREAS, the Director of King County Elections has certified that the Initiative No. 134 petition bears sufficient valid signatures to qualify for introduction to the City Council as provided in Seattle City Charter Article IV, Section 1; and

WHEREAS, Seattle City Charter Article IV, Section 1 provides that, if the City Council does not enact an initiative bill or measure bearing a sufficient number of signatures, it shall be the duty of the City Council to submit the initiative measure to the voters of the City for their ratification or rejection; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Seattle City Charter Article IV, Section 1 the City Council has rejected Initiative 134 and has adopted an alternative, Council Bill 120369; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that Initiative 134 and Council Bill 120369 conflict in certain particulars regarding the voting procedures for candidates in primary elections; and

WHEREAS, the City Council seeks to place both Initiative 134 and its alternative on the ballot for consideration by the voters of the City of Seattle; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE THAT:

Section 1. In accordance with City Charter Article IV, the Council reviewed Initiative 134 and rejected it by motion approved by the Council. The Council hereby directs that Initiative 134 be placed on the November 8, 2022 general election ballot to be voted on by the people, in accordance with applicable law.

Section 2. Pursuant to City Charter Article IV, Section 1, in addition to placing Initiative 134 on the ballot, the Council adopted Council Bill (CB) 120369, an alternative measure dealing with the same subject as Initiative 134. CB 120369 and Initiative 134 conflict in several particulars. The Council is placing CB 120369 on the November 8, 2022, general election ballot to be voted on by the people at the same time as Initiative 134.

Section 3. The City Clerk is authorized and directed to take those actions necessary to place City of Seattle Initiative Measure No. 134 filed in Clerk File (CF) 322196, a copy of which is attached as Attachment A to this resolution in conjunction with CB 120369, on the November 8, 2022, election ballot, including but not limited to publishing the proposed Initiative Measure and its alternate as provided by the City Charter.

Section 4. The Executive Director of the Ethics and Elections Commission is authorized and requested to take those actions necessary to place information regarding City of Seattle Initiative Measure No. 134 in conjunction with CB 120369 in the November 8, 2022, voters' pamphlet.

Section 5. The Director of Elections of King County, Washington, as ex officio supervisor of elections, is requested to call for a special election and place City of Seattle Initiative Measure No. 134 in conjunction with CB 120369 on the November 8, 2022, ballot, and in accordance with applicable law.

Adopted by the City Council the _____ day of _____, 2022, and signed by

me in open session in authentication of its adoption this _____ day of _____, 2022.

President _____ of the City Council

Filed by me this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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Attachments:

Attachment A - City of Seattle Initiative Measure No. 134 (from Clerk File 322196)