

Presented by: Mayor and Assembly
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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 1531

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN ADVISORY BALLOT PROPOSITION ON WHETHER THE OFFICE OF MAYOR FOR THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU SHOULD BE FULL TIME.

WHEREAS, there is concern that the demands currently placed upon the office of mayor are more than can reasonably be asked or expected of an individual serving as mayor in an essentially volunteer capacity, and

WHEREAS, given this concern, the Assembly has engaged in extensive discussion and debate over the past several months on whether the office of mayor should be made full time with an increase in compensation to reflect a full-salaried position and a detailed specification of job duties, and

WHEREAS, on July 8, 1991, the Assembly adopted Ordinance No. 91-28 which increased the compensation of the mayor from \$9,900 per year to \$54,000 per year, set out the duties of the mayor, and called for a ballot proposition on whether this change should be made permanent through the adoption of a Charter amendment to be presented to the voters at the October 5, 1993, regular municipal election, and

WHEREAS, much of the Assembly's debate on the full-time mayor issue has centered around whether or not to present this issue to the voters, and, if so, when to do this, and

WHEREAS, immediately following the adoption of Ordinance No. 91-28, a referendum petition drive was begun which calls for Ordinance No. 91-28 to be placed before the voters at the October 1, 1991, municipal election, and

WHEREAS, the Assembly fully recognizes the desire of many voters to have this issue placed on the ballot this year, and

WHEREAS, the Assembly also recognizes the problems this would present to both candidates running for the office of mayor and the voters in that the question as to whether the position of mayor is full time as described in Ordinance No. 91-28 would be unresolved at the time of the municipal election, and

WHEREAS, balancing these concerns, the Assembly determined that it would be in the best interests of the public to repeal Ordinance No. 91-28 and adopt this resolution calling for an advisory ballot proposition on the full-time mayor issue to be presented to the voters at the October 1, 1991, municipal election;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

* Section 1. Submission of Proposition to Voters. A proposition as set forth in Section 2 of this resolution shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the city and borough at the next regular election to be held on October 1, 1991. The city and borough clerk shall prepare the ballot proposition to be submitted to the qualified voters as provided by this resolution and shall perform all necessary steps in accordance with law to conduct the election and place this proposition before the qualified voters at said regular election.

* Section 2. Proposition. The proposition to be submitted to the voters as required by Section 1 shall read substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION NO. _____

ADVISORY PROPOSITION ON WHETHER
THE OFFICE OF MAYOR SHOULD BE FULL TIME

EXPLANATION OF PROPOSITION

The office of mayor for the City and Borough of Juneau is essentially a volunteer position. The mayor now receives compensation of \$9,900 per year. An equivalent full-time position with the city and borough would be paid approximately \$54,000 per year.

There is concern that the demands placed upon the office of the mayor require a full-salaried position to compensate the mayor for what amounts to a full-time job. This advisory proposition will assist the Assembly in determining whether it should propose that the office of mayor should be made a full-time full-salaried position. Any Charter amendment would be subject to approval by the voters.

PROPOSITION NO. _____

Do you believe the office of mayor of the City and Borough of Juneau should, by Charter amendment, be made a full-time position with a detailed specification of job duties, with the Assembly to establish the salary for the position by ordinance?

YES ☐

NO ☐

* Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 19th day of August, 1991.



Deputy Mayor

Attest:



Clerk