



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Legislative Summary

CB 120369

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Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to ranked choice voting; requesting that a special election be held concurrent with the November 8, 2022 general election for submission to the qualified electors of the City of a proposition to institute ranked choice voting for primary elections for City of Seattle elected offices; adding a new Chapter 2.18 to the Seattle Municipal Code; proposing a ballot title; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

Date

Notes:

Filed with City Clerk:

Mayor's Signature:

Sponsors: Lewis

Vetoed by Mayor:

Veto Overridden:

Veto Sustained:

Attachments:

Reviewer: L. Whitson

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Version:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	City Clerk	07/08/2022	sent for review	Council President's Office			
	Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was sent for review. to the Council President's Office						
1	Council President's Office	07/08/2022	sent for review	City Council			
	Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was sent for review. to the City Council						
1	City Council	07/12/2022	referred	City Council			
1	City Council	07/14/2022	passed as amended				Pass
	Action Text: The Motion carried, the Council Bill (CB) passed as amended by the following vote, and the President signed the Council Bill (CB):						
	Notes: <u>ACTION 1:</u>						

Motion was made and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 120369.

ACTION 2:

Motion was made by Councilmember Lewis and duly seconded, to amend Council Bill 120369, Section 1., Seattle Municipal Code Section 2.18.020. A and C, as shown in the underlined and strike through language below:

2.18.020 Ranked choice voting

Ranked choice voting shall be used in City of Seattle primary elections as soon as practicable for King County Elections. The City Council requests that King County Elections implement the provisions of this Chapter 2.18 no later than 2027 to select the top two candidates for elective offices of The City of Seattle as those offices are designated in City Charter Article XIX.

A. Nominating primaries shall be conducted using the bottoms-up method of ranked choice voting. Voters shall receive ballots that enable them to rank candidates in order of preference. Each voter's ballot shall count as a single vote for whichever candidate the voter has ranked the highest. King County Elections shall count votes in rounds. In each round, the candidate who received the fewest ~~((first choices))~~ top rankings shall be eliminated. ~~((and the ballot with each))~~ When a candidate is eliminated, a vote cast for ((the eliminated)) that candidate shall be transferred to that ballot's next-highest ranked remaining candidate and a new round of counting shall begin. Counting of top-ranked candidates and elimination of the ~~((lowest-ranked))~~ candidate with the fewest top rankings shall continue until two candidates remain. ~~((Each voter's ballot shall count as a single vote for whichever of the two remaining candidates the voter has ranked higher.))~~ The final two remaining candidates shall be certified as qualified to appear on the general election ballot.

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C. The King County Director of Elections may limit the number of candidates that voters are able to rank, provided that voters are allowed to rank at least five candidates, ~~((excluding any write-in candidates.))~~ if at least five candidates have filed.

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The Motion carried by the following vote:

In favor: 7 - Herbold, Lewis, Morales, Mosqueda, Pedersen, Sawant,
Strauss

Opposed: 2 - Juarez, Nelson

ACTION 3:

Motion was made and duly seconded to pass Council Bill 120369 as amended.

In Favor: 8 Council President Juarez, Councilmember Herbold, Councilmember Lewis, Councilmember Morales, Councilmember Mosqueda, Councilmember Pedersen, Councilmember Sawant, Councilmember Strauss

Opposed: 1 Councilmember Nelson

2 City Clerk 07/15/2022 submitted for Mayor
Mayor's signature

Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was submitted for Mayor's signature. to the Mayor

2 Mayor 07/19/2022 Signed

2 Mayor 07/19/2022 returned City Clerk

2 City Clerk 07/19/2022 attested by City Clerk

Action Text: The Ordinance (Ord) was attested by City Clerk.

STATE OF WASHINGTON -- KING COUNTY

--SS.

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No. 126625

CITY OF SEATTLE, CLERKS OFFICE

Affidavit of Publication

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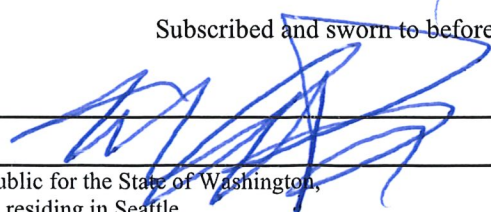
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State of Washington, King County

City of Seattle

The full text of the following legislation, passed by the City Council on July 14, 2022, and published below by title only, will be mailed upon request, or can be accessed at <http://seattle.legistar.com>. For information on upcoming meetings of the Seattle City Council, please visit <http://www.seattle.gov/council/calendar>.

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