



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Legislative Summary

CB 118569

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Final Action: 12/01/2015

Title: AN ORDINANCE related to publicly financed elections creating a fund for election vouchers.

Date

Notes:

Filed with City Clerk:

Mayor's Signature:

Sponsors: Licata

Vetoed by Mayor:

Veto Overridden:

Veto Sustained:

Attachments:

Drafter: Emilia.Sanchez@seattle.gov

Filing Requirements/Dept Action:

History of Legislative File

Legal Notice Published:

☐ Yes

☐ No

Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	City Clerk	11/12/2015	sent for review	Budget Committee			
	Action Text:	The Council Bill (CB) was sent for review. to the Budget Committee					
	Notes:						
1	Budget Committee	11/16/2015	pass				Pass
	Action Text:	The Committee recommends that Full Council pass the Council Bill (CB).					
	Notes:						
		In Favor:	8	Chair Licata, Member Bagshaw, Member Burgess, Member Godden, Member O'Brien, Okamoto, Member Rasmussen, Member Sawant			
		Opposed:	0				
1	Full Council	11/16/2015	referred	Budget Committee			
	Action Text:	The Council Bill (CB) was referred. to the Budget Committee					
	Notes:						
1	Full Council	11/23/2015	passed				Pass
	Action Text:	The Council Bill (CB) was passed by the following vote and the President signed the Bill:					
	Notes:						
		In Favor:	9	Councilmember Bagshaw, Council President Burgess, Councilmember Godden, Councilmember Harrell, Councilmember Licata, Councilmember O'Brien, Okamoto, Councilmember Rasmussen, Councilmember Sawant			

Opposed: 0

- 1 City Clerk 11/30/2015 submitted for Mayor
Mayor's signature
Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was submitted for Mayor's signature. to the Mayor
Notes:
- 1 Mayor 12/01/2015 Signed
Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was Signed.
Notes:
- 1 Mayor 12/01/2015 returned City Clerk
Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was returned. to the City Clerk
Notes:
- 1 City Clerk 12/01/2015 attested by City Clerk
Action Text: The Ordinance (Ord) was attested by City Clerk.
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CITY OF SEATTLE
ORDINANCE 124928
COUNCIL BILL 118569

AN ORDINANCE related to publicly financed elections creating a fund for election vouchers.

WHEREAS, the voters of the City approved City of Seattle Initiative Measure 122 through the
November 3, 2015 general election; and

WHEREAS, City of Seattle Initiative Measure 122 creates a voluntary program for public
campaign financing and authorizes a property tax increase to fund the program; NOW,
THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A new Election Vouchers Fund is created in the City Treasury effective
January 1, 2016, to which revenues may be deposited, and from which associated expenditures
may be paid including, but not limited to, operating, maintenance, capital and City
administration costs for the purposes described in Section 2 below.

Section 2. The purpose of creating the Election Vouchers Fund is to separately account
for the expenditures of the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission in administering a publicly
financed election program created by City of Seattle Initiative Measure 122.

Section 3. The new Election Vouchers Fund shall receive revenues from the voter-
approved property tax increase authorized by City of Seattle Initiative Measure Number 122, the
General Fund, and other monies as authorized. The Fund shall receive earnings on its positive
balances and pay interest on its negative balances.

Section 4. The Executive Director of the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission shall
have responsibility for administering the Election Vouchers Fund. The Director of Finance is

1 authorized to create other Subfunds, Accounts, or Subaccounts as may be needed to implement
2 the Fund's purpose and intent as established by this ordinance.

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Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

Passed by the City Council the 23rd day of NOVEMBER, 2015, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 23rd day of NOVEMBER, 2015.



President _____ of the City Council

Approved by me this 1st day of December, 2015.



Edward B. Murray, Mayor

Filed by me this 1st day of December, 2015.



Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

(Seal)

SUMMARY and FISCAL NOTE*

Department:	Contact Person/Phone:	Executive Contact/Phone:
LEG	Freeman/48178	NA

** Note that the Summary and Fiscal Note describes the version of the bill or resolution as introduced; final legislation including amendments may not be fully described.*

1. BILL SUMMARY

Legislation Title:

AN ORDINANCE related to publicly financed elections creating a fund for election vouchers.

Summary and background of the Legislation:

This ordinance creates a fund into which property tax revenue authorized by passage of City of Seattle Initiative Measure 122 will be deposited. Revenue deposited into the fund will be used to administer the publicly financed election program authorized by the initiative measure.

2. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

This legislation creates, funds, or amends a CIP Project.

(If box is checked, please attach a new (if creating a project) or marked-up (if amending) CIP Page to the Council Bill. Please include the spending plan as part of the attached CIP Page.)

Project Name: Project I.D.: Project Location: Start Date: End Date: Total Cost:

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3. SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Please check one:

This legislation has direct financial implications. (If the legislation has direct fiscal impacts (appropriations, revenue, positions), fill out the relevant sections below. If the financial implications are indirect or longer-term, describe them in narrative in the "Other Implications" section.)

X This legislation does not have direct financial implications.
(Please skip to "Other Implications" section at the end of the document and answer questions a-i.)

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- a) **Does the legislation have indirect or long-term financial impacts to the City of Seattle that are not reflected in the above?**

No

- b) **Is there financial cost or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?**

Voter approval of City of Seattle Initiative Measure 122 require creation of a publicly financed election program. To implement the program, the City must create a fund or other mechanisms for accounting for revenue and expenditures associated with the program.

- c) **Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?**

No

- d) **Is a public hearing required for this legislation?**

No

- e) **Is publication of notice with *The Daily Journal of Commerce* and/or *The Seattle Times* required for this legislation?**

No

- f) **Does this legislation affect a piece of property?**

No

- g) **Please describe any perceived implication for the principles of the Race and Social Justice Initiative. Does this legislation impact vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities?**

This legislation creates a fund for internal program administration purposes. This legislation does not, in and of itself, change benefits or burdens to vulnerable or historically disadvantaged communities.

- h) **If this legislation includes a new initiative or a major programmatic expansion: What are the long-term and measurable goals of the program? Please describe how this legislation would help achieve the program's desired goals.**

This legislation does not create a new initiative or expand an existing program.

- i) **Other Issues:**

List attachments/exhibits below: