

Proposed Amendment #1 to AO 2022-20(S)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE A BALLOT PROPOSITION AMENDING THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CHARTER REGARDING FILLING VACANCIES ON THE ASSEMBLY AND IN THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

Submitted by: Assembly Member Weddleton

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Purpose/Summary of Amendment:

1) The State Statute Title 29 section on filling a vacancy for mayor does not apply to home rule municipalities like the MOA, but suggests another acceptable time cutoff for filling the vacant seat in the last year of the term. AS 29.20.280(b) states:

(b) A vacancy in the office of mayor occurring six months before a regular election shall be filled by the governing body. The person appointed serves until the next regular election when a successor is elected to serve the balance of the term. If a member of the governing body is appointed mayor, the member shall resign the seat on the governing body. If a vacancy occurs more than six months before a regular election, the governing body shall call a special election to fill the unexpired term.

2) With this 180 day cutoff, in the worse case scenario, there would be no overlap of the special election and the regular election.

3) If there is no runoff election, this would shorten the time with an acting mayor by 132 days. If there were a runoff, it would shorten the time with an acting mayor by 104 days.

TEXT OF AMENDMENT

(adding new language, [DELETING CURRENT CODE LANGUAGE] and [~~Deleting words proposed by the unamended AO that are not in current code~~])

AO Section 2, Proposition question text on Page 2 lines 19-23, (showing the current AO text in plan format and changes by this amendment in bold) amend as follows:

(1) If it is the final year of the mayor’s term of office when the vacancy occurs and less than **180** [~~120~~] days remain until the next regular election, the vacancy shall not be filled and the acting mayor shall serve until the person elected mayor to a new term takes office.

Will there be any public or private economic effect to the proposed amendment?

YES NO (check one) **If yes, please detail below.**

No