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Submitted by: Assemblymembers TESCHE, Traini  
Prepared by: Department of Assembly  
For reading: May 14, 2002

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA  
AO NO. 2002-79

AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE AT THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON APRIL 1, 2003, A BALLOT PROPOSITION REPEALING AND REENACTING SECTION 11.02(b) OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER TO REQUIRE RUN OFF ELECTIONS ONLY IN ELECTIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR WHERE NO CANDIDATE RECEIVES MORE THAN FIFTY PERCENT (50%) OF THE VOTES CAST FOR THAT OFFICE.

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

Section 1: That a proposition in substantially the same form as appears in Section 2 below, shall be placed on the ballot at the next regular Municipal election of April 1, 2003. The vote on the proposition shall be limited to the qualified voters residing within the Municipality of Anchorage. ~~An affirmative vote of fifty percent (50%) plus one of those voting on the proposition shall be required for approval.~~

Section 2: That the proposition shall be presented in substantially the following form:

PROPOSITION NO.

REPEALING AND REENACTING CHARTER SECTION 11.02(b) TO REQUIRE RUN OFF ELECTIONS ONLY FOR OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, THEREBY REDUCING THE COSTS OF RUN OFF ELECTIONS

Charter Sec. 11.02(b) is repealed and reenacted to read:

Section 11.02 Election Procedure

(b) If no candidate for the office of Mayor receives more than <sup>45</sup>~~fifty~~ percent (50%) of the votes cast for the office of Mayor, the Assembly within three (3) weeks from the date of certification of the election, shall hold a run off election between the two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes for the office <sup>forty-five</sup>

Section 3: The proposition set out in Section 2 above shall be incorporated into the Home Rule Charter only if approved by the voters on April 1, 2003, under Section 1 above.

Run-off elections under this section are not required, however, in races where the names of no more than two candidates appeared on the initial ballot unless a write-in candidate received more votes than a candidate whose name is on the ballot

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**Section 4:** If approved by the voters on April 1, 2003, the proposition set forth in Section 2 above shall apply to election of Municipal officials and School Board members in that same election and thereafter.

**Section 5:** This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2002.

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ATTEST:

Suz Meyer  
Municipal Clerk

**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE**  
**Summary of Economic Effects - General Government**

**AO Number:** 2002-79

**Title:** Amending Home Rule Charter – Requiring Run Off  
 Elections Only for Mayor

**Sponsor:** Assemblymember Tesche

**Preparing Agency:** Assembly Dept. **Others Affected:**

**CHANGES IN EXPENDITURE AND REVENUES (Thousands of Dollars)**

<i>Operating Expenditures</i>	<i>FY 01</i>	<i>FY 02</i>	<i>FY 03</i>	<i>FY 04</i>	<i>FY 05</i>
<i>1000 Personal Services</i>					
<i>2000 Supplies</i>					
<i>3000 Other Services</i>					
<i>4000 Debt Service</i>					
<i>5000 Capital Outlay</i>					
<b>TOTAL DIRECT COSTS:</b>					

<i>ADD: 6000 Charge from Others</i>					
<i>LESS: 7000 Charge to Others</i>					
<b>FUNCTION COSTS:</b>					

<b>REVENUES:</b>					
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<b>CAPITAL:</b>					

<b>POSITIONS: FT/PT and Temp.</b>					

*Public Sector Economic Effects:*

*Estimated cost of Run Off Election (areawide):*

<i>Elections workers:</i>	<i>\$65,000</i>
<i>Advertising:</i>	<i>18,000</i>
<i>Ballot Printing:</i>	<i>7,500</i>
<i>Moving Services:</i>	<i>10,000</i>
<i>Misc – Supplies:</i>	<i>2,000</i>
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<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>102,500</i>

*The above costs are in addition to Municipal staff time for election preparation (advertisements, ballot layout, election worker training, ballot/supplies distribution, etc.) election day coordination, election night vote tally, election night return of ballots and supplies, and coordination of election equipment return to State.*

*Private Sector Economic Effects:*

*No significant private sector economic effects anticipated.*



**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE**  
**ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM**  
**AM NO. 557-2002**

**Meeting Date: June 25, 2002**

**From: Assemblymember Tesche**  
**Subject: AO 2002-79**

Under Charter Section 11.02(b), run off elections are required in elections for the offices of Mayor, Assembly, and the School Board if no candidate receives a simple majority of the votes cast. Particularly in races for the School Board and the Assembly, this requirement has resulted in expensive and time consuming run off elections which ultimately draw only a handful of voters to the polls.

If approved by the voters next Spring, the Charter amendment proposed in AO 2002-79, would eliminate run off elections for the Assembly and the School Board, while retaining the current 50% rule for the office of Mayor. The proposition would take effect next spring and govern races for Mayor and School Board scheduled at that time.

Enactment of AO 2002-79 and submission of the ballot proposition to the voters in the Spring, 2003 regular election is recommended.

Submitted by:

Allan Tesche  
Assemblymember



**Municipality of Anchorage  
MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICE  
AGENDA DOCUMENT CONTROL SHEET**

*AD2002-79*

<b>1</b>	SUBJECT OF AGENDA DOCUMENT	DATE PREPARED <i>6-13-02</i>
	<i>Ballot Proposition - Section 11.02(b) of Charter (Mayor only for 50% + 1 Requirement)</i>	INDICATE DOCUMENTS ATTACHED
		<i>AO, AM, SEE</i>
<b>2</b>	DEPARTMENT NAME <i>Assembly</i>	DIRECTOR'S NAME <i>Allen Tesche</i>
<b>3</b>	THE PERSON THE DOCUMENT WAS ACTUALLY PREPARED BY	HIS/HER PHONE NUMBER
<b>4</b>	COORDINATED WITH AND REVIEWED BY	INITIALS
	DATE	
	Mayor	
	Heritage Land Bank	
	Merrill Field Airport	
	Municipal Light & Power	
	Port of Anchorage	
	Solid Waste Services	
	Water & Wastewater Utility	
	Municipal Manager	
	Cultural & Recreational Services	
	Employee Relations	
	Finance, Chief Fiscal Officer	
	Fire	
	Health & Human Services	
	Office of Management and Budget	
	Management Information Services	
	Police	
	Planning, Development & Public Works	
	Development Services	
	Facility Management	
	Planning	
	Project Management & Engineering	
	Street Maintenance	
	Traffic	
	Public Transportation Department	
	Purchasing	
	Municipal Attorney	
	Municipal Clerk	
	Other	
<b>5</b>	SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS/COMMENTS	
	<i>5/21/02 introduced by title only</i>	
<b>6</b>	ASSEMBLY MEETING DATE	7 PUBLIC HEARING DATE REQUESTED <i>6-25-02</i>

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