

RECREATION, LIBRARIES AND AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE

09-0336R

RESOLUTION SUBMITTING A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 21
OF THE CITY CHARTER TO THE VOTERS AT A GENERAL ELECTION
ON NOVEMBER 3, 2009.

BY COUNCILOR ANDERSON:

WHEREAS, the city council has determined that a proposed amendment to the City Charter which would amend Section 21 to eliminate the requirement that a city employee running for political office, other than the office of mayor of Duluth or city councilor, must take a leave of absence from city employment, as set forth in Ordinance File No. 09-018 on file in the office of the city clerk, be submitted to the electors of the city of Duluth for their ratification or rejection in the manner provided for by law.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the city council hereby submits such proposal to the qualified voters of the city of Duluth at the general municipal election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2009.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the city clerk shall place upon the ballot at such general municipal election the proposition hereinafter set forth:

To vote for the proposition, completely fill in the oval next to the word "YES" for that question.

To vote against the proposition, completely fill in the oval next to the word "NO" for that question.

PROPOSITION

The Duluth City Charter currently requires a city employee to take a leave of absence from city employment in order to run for any political office (except for a position on the board of education for the city of Duluth). Should the Charter be amended to require any permanent, full-time city employee to take a leave of absence from city employment only when running for the office of Mayor of the city of Duluth or city councilor for the city of Duluth but not for any other political office.

Yes _____ No _____

A "YES" vote changes the current Charter language to require a city employee to take a leave of absence from city employment in order to run for the office of mayor of the city of Duluth or city councilor for the city of Duluth but not for any other political office.

A "NO" vote retains the current Charter language which requires a city employee to take a leave of absence from city employment in order to run for any political office except for a position on the board of education of the city of Duluth.

Approved as to form:

Attorney

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution is to have placed on the ballot for the November 3, 2009, election an amendment to Section 21 of the City Charter which would eliminate the requirement that a city employee must take a leave of absence in order to run for political office, other than the office of mayor of the city of Duluth or city councilor for the city of Duluth.