

**BALLOT TITLE**

**CAPTION:** Amends Charter: Changes Form of City Government (7)

**QUESTION:** Shall Portland be governed by nine member Council (seven elected by district) and managed by a Mayor with executive authority? (20)

**SUMMARY:** Changes City's government from Commission form to Mayor/Council form with distinct roles for Mayor compared with Council. Currently, City government combines executive, legislative branches; Mayor and each Commissioner manage several departments, vote on legislation.

Measure gives Mayor all executive and administrative authority; gives Council all legislative and quasi-judicial authority. Council increased to nine members; two elected at large, seven elected from geographic districts. Mayor would not be part of Council, but has veto power. Council could override vetoes by six affirmative votes. Council appoints Council administrator; Council members entitled to paid staff. Seven affirmative votes required to approve emergency ordinances, sale of property. District Council candidates must be district residents one year before filing for office. Seven district Council members have offices within districts; two at large Council members have City Hall offices. Upon Council or Mayor vacancy, Council appoints replacement until election.

Measure effective date is two years before district elections. During interim, Council would not have quorum, could not act, pass ordinances, adopt budget or establish districts. No cost estimate provided. Other provisions. (175)