

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 separate, distinct roles for Mayor and 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. Council to establish districts by process used for state elections. Mayor not part of Council. At least six Council members must vote in favor to approve any ordinance, budget, or consent agenda. Council appoints Council administrator; Council members entitled to paid staff. District Council candidates must be district residents one year before filing for office. District Council members have offices within districts; at large Council members have City Hall offices. Upon Council or Mayor vacancy, Council appoints replacement until election.

Measure identifies January 1, 2019, effective date for most charter amendments; January 1, 2017, effective date for other charter amendments and portions of amendments. Other provisions. No cost estimate provided. (174)