

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2022-123

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Diamond

Date of Introduction: February 22, 2022

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, TEU, F, R

Date of Analysis: February 24, 2022

Type of Action: City Charter amendment; authorizing voter referendum; providing for financial impact statement

Bill Summary: The bill would amend the City Charter to revise the current 2-consecutive-term limit for elected officials (City Council members, Mayor, Sheriff, Supervisor of Elections, Property Appraiser, Tax Collector, Clerk of the Courts, School Board members) to a limit of two terms in total, whether consecutive or non-consecutive. It directs that a voter referendum on the amendment be conducted at the August 23, 2022 state primary election and directs that a referendum financial impact study be prepared pursuant to the provisions of the City Charter.

Background Information: The Charter currently provides that elected officials serving two consecutive terms are not eligible to run for election for the next succeeding term, but does not prohibit them from offering for election for a future term. This bill would limit elected officials to two total terms in an office, whether consecutive or non-consecutive. The proposed amendment provides that if a person is elected or appointed to fill a vacant seat, serving a partial term of less than half of the full term of the office does not count as a term for purposes of the two-term limitation.

Policy Impact Area: Elected official term limit

Fiscal Impact: Anticipated minimal cost to add an item to the August primary election ballot

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