

**DETROIT CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION**  
**PROPOSAL/ISSUE REVIEW SUMMARY**

**ISSUE NUMBER:** GOS 219

**ISSUE CATEGORY:** Government Operations & Structure

**SOURCE:** Mayor Bing Administration

**RELATED CHARTER SECTIONS:** §12-104 (Duties of the City Clerk)

Letter, Rec'd December 21, 2010

**RELEVANT ORDINANCE SECTION:**

**RELEVANT LAW(S):** Michigan Election Law, MCL 168.1 et seq.

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**ISSUE/PROPOSAL STATEMENT:** Rename section. Have the City Clerk verify the number of petitions filed and transmit them to the Department of Elections to be canvassed. The Department will be responsible for doing so within 10 days and making a report of the results to City Council. Various grammatical changes.

**ARTICLE 12. INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM**

**Sec. 12-104. ~~Duties of the City Clerk~~ Filing and Canvass of Petitions.**

The petitions shall be filed with the Office of the City Clerk. The City Clerk shall verify the number of petitions that were filed and transmit petitions to the Department of Elections for a canvass of the petition. Within ten (10) days of receipt, the Department of Elections shall, within ten (10) days, canvass the signatures thereon to determine their sufficiency and make a report of the result to the City Council. Any signature on an initiative petition obtained more than six (6) months before the filing of the petition with the Office of the City Clerk shall not be counted.

**RATIONALE:** *“The changes to Sections 12-104, 12-107, and 12-108 clarify the duties of the City Clerk, the City Council, the Mayor, and the Election Commission regarding the right of the People of the City of Detroit to initiate or repeal City ordinances. In addition, the changes make these sections commensurate with Michigan Election Law, MCL 168.1 et seq.” -Mayor Bing Administration, Letter, Rec'd December 21, 2010.*

**ANALYSIS:**

**DISPOSITION/COMMISSION ACTION:**

**NOTES:**