

DETROIT CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

PROPOSAL/ISSUE REVIEW SUMMARY

ISSUE NUMBER: GOS 160

ISSUE CATEGORY: Government Operations & Structure

SOURCE: Janice Winfrey, City Clerk

RELATED CHARTER SECTIONS: Art. 3 (Elections); 3-103(1) (City Clerk)(Duties);

Letter, dated December 17, 2010

RELEVANT ORDINANCE SECTION:

RELEVANT LAW(S):

ISSUE/PROPOSAL STATEMENT: (1) Create separate sections for both Elections Commission and City Clerk; (2) include duty of serving as City Council’s clerk, being required to keep a record of all their ordinances, resolutions, and other proceedings and perform such other duties as Council may request; (3) clarify that meeting of Election Commission are to be conducted in accordance with OMA; (4) conduct all city general elections on the Tuesday after the first Monday of November of 2013 (instead of 1997) and every fourth year thereafter; (5) conduct all city primary elections on the Tuesday after the first Monday of August (instead of 2nd Monday of September) before the general election.

RATIONALE: “These suggestions to the Mayor’s recommendations were borne out of the logic and consistency of the existing Charter and current recommendations to the future Charter. In both the Executive and Legislative branches, the Charter offers the elected officials first and then gives a breakdown of their roles, duties and authorities. It is being submitted for your consideration to make the same consistencies in the functionalities of the City Clerk.”- *Janice Winfrey, City Clerk, Letter, dated December 17, 2010.*

ANALYSIS:

DISPOSITION/COMMISSION ACTION:

NOTES: See full text of City Clerk’s proposed revisions under “Proposed Revisions” tab.