

DETROIT CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

PROPOSAL/ISSUE REVIEW SUMMARY

ISSUE NUMBER: GOS 162

ISSUE CATEGORY: Government Operations & Structure

SOURCE: Janice Winfrey, City Clerk

RELATED CHARTER SECTIONS: §3-101 (City Elections)

Letter, dated December 17, 2010

RELEVANT ORDINANCE SECTION:

RELEVANT LAW(S):

ISSUE/PROPOSAL STATEMENT: Vacancies on City Council will be filled by appointment of a successor, based on 2/3 vote of members, until an elected member takes office. Election shall occur at next general election to be held not sooner than 180 days after occurrence of vacancy. [This proposed revision is suggested to be incorporated into new section 3.5-105 (City Elections)].

RATIONALE: “The City should move away from the need to call for special elections. Vacancies should be filled by appointment until the next scheduled elections. Also, a distinction must be made between how executive and legislative vacancies are to be filled.”-*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.