

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

**ISSUE NUMBER:** GOS 201

**ISSUE CATEGORY:** Government Operations & Structure

**SOURCE:** Mayor Bing Administration

**RELATED CHARTER SECTIONS:** §3-102 (Department of Elections)

Letter, Rec'd December 21, 2010

**RELEVANT ORDINANCE SECTION:**

**RELEVANT LAW(S):** Michigan Election Law, MCL 168.719

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**ISSUE/PROPOSAL STATEMENT:** Create a separate section regarding the Deputy and Deputy Director retaining original language with suggested grammatical corrections.

**Sec. 3-104. Deputy and Deputy Director.**

The City Clerk shall appoint, subject to the approval of the Election Commission, a director and deputy director of the Department of Elections, who are skilled and experienced in municipal election administration. Under the direction of the City Clerk and in accordance with general policies of the Election Commission, the director shall supervise, plan and monitor all activities and operations incidental to the conduct of elections and voter registration. The director or deputy director of elections may be removed for cause by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Election Commission.

**RATIONALE:** *“Section 3(a) of the Michigan Home Rule City Act, MCL 117.3(a), requires that a city charter provide for a city clerk. In addition, Section 719 of Michigan Election Law, MCL 168.719, provides that a city election commission shall perform such duties relative to the preparation, printing and delivery of ballots as required by law of county boards of election commissioners.*

*“Sections 3-101 through 3-108 of the 1997 Detroit City Charter intermix the separate responsibilities the Office of the City Clerk and the City Clerk as the “chief elections officer of the city” who is the chair of the Election Commission. The recommended changes provide a clear delineation between the responsibilities of the Department of Elections and the Office of the City Clerk. In addition, the recommended changes provide a clear delineation between the role of the City Clerk as a member of the Election Commission and as the head of the Office of the City Clerk.”-Mayor Bing Administration, Letter, Rec'd December 21, 2010.*

**ANALYSIS:**

**DISPOSITION/COMMISSION ACTION:**

**NOTES:**