

**DETROIT CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION**

**PROPOSAL/ISSUE REVIEW SUMMARY**

**ISSUE NUMBER:** GOS 205

**ISSUE CATEGORY:** Government Operations & Structure

**SOURCE:** Mayor Bing Administration

**RELATED CHARTER SECTIONS:** §3-106 (Geographical Basis for

Letter, Rec'd December 21, 2010

Electing Council Members)

**RELEVANT ORDINANCE SECTION:**

**RELEVANT LAW(S):** Home Rule City Act, MCL 117.27a

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**ISSUE/PROPOSAL STATEMENT:** Re-number 3-106 and have City Council draft City Council districts, replacing the Election Commission.

**Sec. ~~3-106~~ 3-108.** Geographical basis for electing Council Members.

There shall be seven (7) Council districts and one (1) at-large district established in the City and one (1) member shall be elected from each Council district and two (2) members shall be elected at large.

The ~~Election Commission~~ City Council shall revise the boundaries of the districts within sixty (60) days after the figures from the federal decennial census ~~becomes (sic)~~ become available. New district boundaries created within one hundred twenty (120) days of a City Primary Election shall become effective after the General Election. To the greatest extent possible, the ~~Election Commission~~ City Council shall ~~,to the greatest extent possible~~, establish wards that are compact, contiguous, and of equal population.

**RATIONALE:** "Section 27a of the Michigan Home Rule City Act, MCL 117.27a, requires that the Local Legislative Body of a City, which is the City Council, apportion the districts of for its members."-Mayor Bing Administration, Letter, Rec'd December 21, 2010.

**ANALYSIS:**

**DISPOSITION/COMMISSION ACTION:**

**NOTES:**