

PROPOSED THREE DISTRICTS; THREE AT-LARGE COMMISSIONERS

Article III. Legislative

3.01 - City commission and mayor; election, term; term limits.

(a)

There shall be a city commission with all legislative powers of the city vested therein. Beginning with the November 2022 election ~~the~~ city commission shall consist of seven (7) commissioners, ~~six (6)~~ three (3) of whom shall be elected from single member geographic districts of nearly equal census populations and numbered I, II and III, and three (3) commissioners elected to serve the city at-large. ~~, III, IV, V and VI.~~ The mayor and the commissioners at-large shall be elected by the people-electorate at large. ~~for a term of two (2) years.~~ All ~~Commissioners from districts numbered I, II, III, IV, V and VI~~ shall be elected for a term of four (4) years following an initial two-year transitional term for three commissioners that is required to establish a staggered every two-year election cycle. The three two-year transitional term commission seats shall be determined by a blind drawing following adoption of this referendum, but in no situation can all three transitions seats be numbered commission districts or at-large district seats.

(b)

No person shall serve more than a total of eight years in the position of mayor. No person shall serve more than a total of twelve years in the position of city commissioner. Commissioners elected to the two-year transitional term seats

will be limited to a term limit of 10 years. The person holding the position of Mayor at the time of transition may complete the current term.

~~No previous term, or term in progress as of the effective date of this provision, shall be counted toward the limitations contained herein. If the term limit occurs during a term in office, the person holding the office may complete the term.~~

Question:

How are commissioners replaced if they depart during a term?

(THREE DISTRICTS AND THREE AT-LARGE COMMISSIONERS:)

3.02 - Qualifications for mayor and commissioners.

Any elector of the city shall be eligible to hold the office of mayor or commissioner at large. Any candidate for mayor or commissioner at large shall reside in the City of Key West at the time of qualification. Any elector of the city who, as of the date of qualification, resides in the district which he or she is seeking to represent shall be eligible to hold the office of city commissioner for that district. Any person elected to represent a district shall maintain residency in that district for the term of office. The city commission shall be the judge of the election and qualifications of its members and of the grounds for forfeiture of their office. A member charged with conduct constituting grounds for forfeiture of this office shall be entitled to a public hearing on demand, and notice of such

hearing shall be published in one (1) or more newspapers of general circulation in the city at least one (1) week in advance of the hearing.

(Ord. No. 93-10, § 1, 3-2-1993)

NOTES

If the three numbered and three at large voting districts reorganization is agreed to by referendum, implementation would begin with the next municipal election following adoption by the electorate.

Districts drawn as equally as possible

All currently sitting commissioners, if eligible, must run for office either at-large or in a geographic district.

Three commissioners run for 4-year term

Three commissioners run for 2-year term.

THE FOLLOWING PRESUMES TERM LIMITS ARE IN EFFECT:

Three commission seats will be for two-year transitional term that will not count toward the 12 year term limit, e.g., a sitting 4 year commissioner could run for a two-year term, then run again after two years for up to two four-year terms.

OR

Three commission seats will be for a two-year transitional term. Candidates running for those two-year term seats will be limited to a term limit of 10 years. I opted to propose this approach.

The person holding the position of Mayor at the time of transition may complete the current term.