

6.01 - City commission election; runoff.

Discussion: TIMING OF ELECTIONS and TRANSITION

Pros:

- This change would eliminate all of the current costs of elections to the City of Key West as the City Elections would be held in conjunction with the Primary Election and any runoffs needed would be held in conjunction with the General Election.
- This change would likely result in a significant increase in voter turnout and citizen participation in City races.

Cons:

- One election cycle would require a 3 year term for all officers in order to synchronize to the even year election sequence.

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The election for city commissioners in districts I, III, and VI shall be held on the State Primary Election date in 2013. These Commissioners would serve a 3-year term.

The mayor, chosen by voters city wide shall be elected shall be held on the State Primary Election date in 2013. This Mayor would serve a 3-year term.

The election for city commissioners districts II, IV, and V, shall be held on the Primary Election date in 2015. These Commissioners would serve a 3-year term.

Subsequent elections shall be held biennially on that year's State Primary Election date thereafter as determined by Florida Statute. The Mayor and each commissioner elected from Districts I, II, III, IV, V and VI shall, from thence forth, serve a four-year term.

The name of any qualified elector of the city shall appear on the ballot as a candidate for the office of city commissioner upon said elector paying as a qualifying fee to the city a sum equal to five (5) percent of the annual salary of the office which said elector seeks, or by the elector qualifying by a petition process prescribed by State law and adopted in specific terms by city ordinance.

A majority of votes cast for a district Commission seat or the Mayor is needed for a candidate to be elected. If no candidate receives such a majority, then a runoff election shall be held as a part of the State General Election of each even-numbered year between the two (2) candidates receiving the greatest number of

votes. All ties in either election shall be decided by lot in the presence of the candidates concerned, under the direction of the city commission.

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Proposed Election Transition Sequences for a 4-2-1 district scenario

2009 Districts I, III, and VI **4** year term expires **2013**

2011 Districts II, IV, and V **4** year term expires **2015**

2011 Mayor 2 year term expires **2013**

2013 Mayor 3 year term expires **2016**

2013 Districts I and III and one at large commissioners elected for a **3** year term expires **2016 (Presidential Cycle)**

2015 Districts II and IV, and one at large commissioners elected for a **3** year term expires **2018 (Gubernatorial Cycle)**

2016 Mayor and Districts I, III, and one at-large **4** year term expires **2020 (Presidential Cycle)**

2018 Districts II, IV, and one at-large **4** year term expires **2022 (Gubernatorial Cycle)**

2020 Mayor and Districts I, III, and one at-large **4** year term expires **2024 (Presidential Cycle)**

2022 Districts II, IV, and one at-large **4** year term expires **2026 (Gubernatorial Cycle)**

2024 Mayor and Districts I, III, and one at-large **4** year term expires **2028 (Presidential Cycle)**

2026 Districts II, IV, and one at-large **4** year term expires **2030 (Gubernatorial Cycle)**

Proposed Election Transition Sequences for a 3-3-1 district scenario

2009 Districts I, III, and VI **4** year term expires **2013**

2011 Districts II, IV, and V **4** year term expires **2015**

2011 Mayor 2 year term expires **2013**

2013 Mayor 3 year term expires **2016**

2013 Districts I and III and one at large commissioners elected for a **3** year term expires **2016 (Presidential Cycle)**

2015 Districts II and two at large commissioners elected for a **3** year term expires **2018 (Gubernatorial Cycle)**

2016 Mayor and Districts I, III, and one at-large **4** year term expires **2020 (Presidential Cycle)**

2018 Districts II and two at-large **4** year term expires **2022 (Gubernatorial Cycle)**

2020 Mayor and Districts I, III, and one at-large **4** year term expires **2024**
(Presidential Cycle)
2022 Districts II and two at-large **4** year term expires **2026** (Gubernatorial Cycle)

2024 Mayor and Districts I, III, and one at-large **4** year term expires **2028**
(Presidential Cycle)
2026 Districts II and two at-large **4** year term expires **2030** (Gubernatorial Cycle)

Proposed Election Transition Sequences for current 6 - 1 district scenario

2009 Districts I, III, and VI **4** year term expires **2013**
2011 Districts II, IV, and V **4** year term expires **2015**
2011 Mayor 2 year term expires **2013**

2013 Mayor 3 year term expires **2016**
2013 Districts I, III, and VI **3** year term expires **2016** (Presidential Cycle)
2015 Districts II, IV, and V **3** year term expires **2018** (Gubernatorial Cycle)

2016 Mayor and Districts I, III, and VI **4** year term expires **2020** (Presidential Cycle)
2018 Districts II, IV, and V **4** year term expires **2022** (Gubernatorial Cycle)

2020 Mayor and Districts I, III, and VI **4** year term expires **2024** (Presidential Cycle)
2022 Districts II, IV, and V **4** year term expires **2026** (Gubernatorial Cycle)

2024 Mayor and Districts I, III, and VI **4** year term expires **2028** (Presidential Cycle)
2026 Districts II, IV, and V **4** year term expires **2030** (Gubernatorial Cycle)

**** If approved, any Charter changes to the above sections will not be voted on until the Primary or General Election in 2012 at the earliest unless a special election is held. Also, as shown above this change would not affect any current office-holder and would apply only to candidates running for office starting in 2013.***