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## Proposed Commission Plan of City Government for Omaha

ional census, 5,000 or more population

Proposition-Election.

Sec. 1-Within twenty days after the names in the order in which filing of a petition with the city clerk of placed upon the sample ballot prepared any such city signed by such a number of by the city clerk or officer whose duty it electors qualified to vote at the last pre- shall be to have the ballots prepared, and ceding general city or state election held in printing the ballots for the various within any such city as equals 25 per election districts or precincts the position contain of the votes cast for all candidates of the names shall be changed for each for mayor at such preceding general city election district; in making the change of election, the mayor of any such city shall position the printer shall take the line of by appropriate proclamation and notice, type containing the name at the head of call and proclaim a special election to be the form and place it at the bottom held upon a date fixed in such proclama- shoving up the column so that the name tion and notice, which date shall not be that was second before the change shall less than thirty nor more than sixty days be the first after the change. After receivafter the date and issuance of such procla- ing such ballot from the election judges. mation. After the filing of any petition endorsed by them as by law provided, the provided for in this act no signer thereon voters shall mark and cast such ballot; shall be permitted to withdraw his name any voter who shall declare that he will therefrom. At such special election the require assistance in voting shall be aided proposition of adopting the provisions of in the manner provided by general law. this not shall be submitted to the electors. The polls at any such primary election in of any such city and such proposition shall any city containing over 25,000 population. be stated thus: "Shall the city (name of according to said census, shall open at city) adopt the provisions of (naming the 8 o'clock a. m. and close at 9 o'clock p. m. chapter of the published law containing and in cities containing over 5,000 and less this act) called the Commission Plan of than 3,000 population, according to said City Government?" And the paper ballot census, the polls shall open for such prito be used and method of voting at such mary at 13 o'clock meen and close at 9 special election shall be only those pro- o'clock p. m. In all other respects such vided by what is known as the "Australian primary election shall be held and con-Ballot Law" of the state, and the ballot duoted and the vote canvassed and the shall afford facility for casting a "Yes" result declared as by law provided for or "No" vote by making a cross as indi- holding other city primary elections in any city government, as follows: cated by said ballot law. In all other city embraced in the class to which any respects such special election shall be held general state primary law applies; and if and conducted and the vote canvassed and such primary election be held in any city the result\_declared as by law provided for to which, as to city elections, the general the holding and conducting of the general primary laws of the state do not apply. city election in any such city, and all then such primary election shall be, except officers charged with any duty respecting in the respects hereinbefore provided, prothe calling, holding and conducting of any claimed, noticed, held and conducted and such general city election shall perform the vote canvassed and the result declared such duties for and at such special election. as by law provided for holding the general Proposition, Resubmission.

Sec. 3.-If said proposition be not adopted sec. 3.—If said proposition be not adopted specting the proclaiming, holding and constant any such special election by a majority ducting of any such general or regular vote the question of adopting it shall not vote the question of adopting it shall not be again submitted in any such city within form such duties for and at such primary Conneilmen, Election.

in cities containing over 25,000 and less the official ballot for councilmen at such than 190,000 population, according to said regular or general city election in such census, five councilmen, and in cities containing over 5,000 and less than 25,000, ac- and less than 100,000 population, according shall be payable at such periods as the cording to said census, three councilmen. to said census, the ten candidates receiving Provided, however, that if said proposi- the highest number of votes at such prition be not adopted at any such special mary, or all candidates if there be less election at least fifty days prior to the than ten on the primary bollot, shall be date of holding the next general or regular the candidates, and the only candidates city election provided by law in any such whose names shall be placed upon the city, then such city shall continue to be official ballot for councilmen at such regugoverned under its existing laws and the lar or general city election in any such

such city. Councilmen, Nomination.

Sec. 5.-Candidates for the office of councilmen provided for in this act shall be nominated at large, at a primary election, and no other name shall be placed upon the official ballot to be used at said regular or general city election except manner hereinafter prescribed. Notwithstanding any more general law respecting the time or manner of holding primary elections, the primary election for such nominations shall be held in all cities containing, according to such census, over 25,000 population, on the fourth Tuesday, and in all cities containing, according to population, on the third Tuesday preceding the date of the general or regular city election provided by the then existing law any such city, and any person desiring become a candidate for councilman sistent with the provisions of this act. "phall, at least ten days prior to the date Councilmen, Qualification, Term. f holding such primary, file with the city flerk a statement of such candidacy in substantially the following form, towit: State of Nebraska, ..... County, sa:

State of Nebraska..... County ss:

I being first duly sworn,
say that I reside at No..... street,
in the city of ...... county of ..... and
state of Nebraska, that I am a qualified
voter of said city; that I am a candidate
for the nomination of the office of councilman to be voted upon at the primary
election to be held on the .... day of ....
19... and I hereby request that my name be
printed upon the official primary ballot
for nomination by such primary election
for said office.

(Signed)

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the

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And such person shall at the same time file with such statement a petition signed by at least twenty-five qualified voters in all cities containing, according to such census, over 5,000 and less than 25,000 population, and in all cities containing, according to said census, over 25,000 population, signed by at least 100 qualified voters, requesting such candidacy, and he shall pay to the city treasurer a filing fee, to aid in the expense of holding such primary, of \$10, and obtain a receipt from the treasurer therefor, which shall be produced to and filed with said city clerk before filing such petitions, and the said petition shall be substantially in the following form, towit:

undersigned, duly qualified electors name of ... be placed on the official ballot as a candidate for northination for the office of councilman at the primary election to be held in said city on the ... day of ... 19. We further state that we know him to be a qualified elector of said city and a man of good moral character, and well qualified in our judgment, for the duties of such office. judgment, for the duties of such office.

Primary Election.

Sec. 6.-Notwithstanding any more general law respecting primary elections in serting in the blanks the name of the city and the number of councilmen to be elected As to be held and placing simply the names of all candidates upon the ticket without any party designation, circle or mark

And in all other respects the general ing to said census, \$300. Such salaries, and character of the paper ballot to be used additional amounts to the mayor, shall be shall be the same as authorized by the paid in equal monthly installments in any 'Australian Ballot Law' of the state. In of such cities. printing, the names shall not be arranged ing to the following plan, towit: The form shall be determined when they are apshall be set up by the printer with the pointed or elected by the said council and

Bection 1.—Any city in this state now or hereafter having, according to the last of the Called officially taken and promitigated state or of this act and of this act an

or regular city election in any such city; and all officers charged with any duty recity election, in any such city, shall per-

Candidates, How Chosen.

If said proposition be adopted, then at Sec. 7.-The fourteen candidates receiving the next regular or general city election the highest number of votes at such privided by law in any such city there mary election held in any city containing all be elected, not by or from wards or over 100,000 population, according to said listricts, but at large, the following offi- census, or all candidates, if there be less ers, and none others, towit: In cities than fourteen upon the primary ballot, entaining 100,000 or more population, ac- shall be the candidates and the only candiording to said census, seven councilmen; dates whose names shall be placed upon councilmen hereinbefore provided for shall city, and in any city containing over 5,000 be elected at the next general or regular and less than 25,000 populator, according to city election thereafter occurring in any said census, the six candidates receiving the highest number of votes at such primary, or all candidates if there be less than six on the primary ballot, shall be placed upon the official ballot for councilmen at such general city election in any such city.

Election. Sec. 8.-At the regular or general city election at which such candidates so nominated are to be elected the ballot shall be prepared in substantially the same general form and the names rotated as hereinbefore provided for their nomination at the primary election; and the three, five or seven persons, as the case may be, receiving the highest number of votes shall be the councilmen elected. In all other respects such census, over 5,000 and less than 25,000 the general laws in force in any such city respecting the holding and conducting and declaring the result of any such regular or general city election shall apply, so far as the same are applicable and not incon-

Sec. 9.—Said councilmen shall qualify and

give bond in the manner and amount procity wherein they are elected, and the terms of office of such councilmen shall commence and terminate at such times as may be provided by the laws governing the vacancy occur in such office the remaining members of the council shall appoint a person to fill such vacancy for the balance of the term; and the terms and office of the mayor and councilmen in any such city n office at the beginning of the term of office of the councilmen first elected under the provisions of this act shall then cease, and terms of office of all other elective or appointive officers in force within or for any such city, except as herein otherwise provided, shall cease as soon as the council herein provided for shall select or appoint their successors and such successors qualify and give bond as by law provided. or as soon as such council shall by resolution declare the terms of any such elective or appointive officers at an end or abolish or discontinue the office.

Sec. 10 .- In all cities containing 100,000 or more population, according to said census. the salary of each of such councilmen shall be \$4,500. In all cities containing 40,000 and less than 100,000 population, ac-5,000 and less than 7,000 population, accordsuch councilmen shall be \$300. Provided, affairs of the city. prepared and used at such primary shall however, that the mayor in any of such Mayor, President, Superintendent. cities shall receive in addition to his salary as councilman the following amounts, to-In cities containing 100,000 or more population, according to said census, \$500. In cities containing 40,000 and less than 100.000 population, according to said census. In cities containing, according to said census, 25,000 and less than 40,000 population, \$500. In cities containing 7,000 and less than 25,000 population, according to said census, \$300, and in cities containing 5,000 and less than 7,000 population, accord-

The salary or compensation of all other alphabetically, but shall be rotated accord- officers or employes of any such cities

## Commission Plan in a Nutshell

1. Seven councilmen elected at large to supplant all elective city officials at expiration of present terms of office.

2. Candidates to be nominated at general primary, fourteen receiving highest vote to go officers thereunder so far, and only so far, on official ballot for regular election at which seven highest will be awarded certificates of elec. as such laws are applicable and not intion. No party designations to go on ballot and names to be rotated.

3. Councilmen or commissioners to qualify and serve three year terms same as at present also to fill vacancies and to choose one of number to be mayor with additional salary of \$500, act, by any such city and election of offi-Councilman's salary to be \$4,500 per year.

4. Council to have and exercise all powers now vested in mayor, council, water board, fire Appropriations. and police board, park board and all other boards created by statute for said city. Not to affect duties and privileges of water board or office of school district officers.

5. Council may at any time continue or abolish any existing office or employment and create any office or board deemed necessary and fix salaries thereof and impose additional duties on other officers with or without additional pay.

6. Council to meet regularly once a week; mayor and councilmen to maintain offices in make additional appropriation, within the fore the submission of the proposed City Hall. Each councilman to be assigned special charge and supervision of one department of

Department of Public Affairs.

Department of Accounts and Finance.

Department of Police, Sanitation and Public Safety.

Department of Fire Protection and Water Supply. Department of Street Cleaning and Maintenance.

Department of Public Improvements.

Department of Parks and Public property.

7. Council may revise, repeal or change distribution of funds within limit of total taxes levied for the year. 8. Recall for councilmen provided on petition of 30 per cent of highest vote cast at pre-

9. Initiative to propose ordinances on 15 per cent petition to submit to next regular elec-

tion or on 25 per cent petition to submit at a special election. Same measure not to be resubmitted by initiative oftener than once in two years. 10. Referendum on ordinances (except appropriation and emergency) on 15 per cent peti-

tion to be voted on at either special or general election. 11. Commission plan may be abandoned after four years on 25 per cent petition affirmed

by popular vote.

said council shall determine.

Sec. II.—The said council herein provided for, upon taking office, shall have, possess and exercise, by itself or through such methods as it may provide, all execuunder the then existing laws governing any such city, by the mayor or mayor and stoner or board of fire and police commissioners or park commissioners or park board or excise board or members thereof or fire warden, and the powers, duties and and thereupon cease and terminate, and the boards created by statute for the government of any such city shall also thereupon cease and terminate; provided, however nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to interfere with the powers duties, authority and privileges that have been, are or may be hereafter conferred and imposed, upon the water board in metropolitan cities as prescribed by law, or shall affect the power or office of city school or school district officers or office. nor of any office or officer named in the state constitution exercising office, powers or functions within any such city; and such council, upon taking office, shall have and may exercise all executive or legislative or judicial powers possessed or exervided by the existing laws governing the cised by any other officer or board hitherto provided by law for or within any such city, except officers named in the state constitution; and the executive and administrative powers, authorities and duties cities wherein they are elected, and if any in such cities shall be distributed into and among departments as follows, towit: In cities containing 160,600 population or more, according to said census, as follows:

(1) Department of public affairs, (2) department of accounts and finances, (3) department of police, sanitation and public safety, (4) department of fire protection and water supply, (5) department of street cleaning and maintenance, (6) department of public improvements, (7) department of taining 25,000 and less than 100,000 population, according to said census, as follows: (1) Department of public affairs, (2) de- would be benefited by such change. partment of accounts and finances. (3) de- Officers,

tation and public safety, one to be superin-tendent of the department of fire protection and charges shall be at once filed by signed, it may be amended within ten tendent of the department of street cleaning and maintenance, one to be superintendhad thereon at a second meeting of the tion signed and sworn to as in the case of a petition, signed and verified as hereinbements and one to be superintendent of the the purpose of hearing such charges the within ten days after such supplemental in number to at least 15 per centum of the tive or legislative or judicial powers and department of parks and public property, educition be filed, make a like examination attendance of witnesses, the production of the supplemental petition, and if the in cities containing 25,000 population and to witnesses in the same manner and with tition, together with the original petition, ordinance, be presented to such council, city council or water commissioners or less than 100,000 population the council shall like effect and under the same penalty, as to contain the requisite number of signawater board or water and light commission at such meeting, or as soon as practicable in the case of magistrates exercising civil tures, the clerk shall submit such original suspended from going into operation, and thereafter, designate by majority vote one and criminal jurisdiction under the statutes petition and supplement together with his it shall be the duty of the council to recouncilman to be superintendent of the de- of the state of Nebraska. partment of accounts and finances, one Offices. to be superintendent of the department of of fire warden, and the powers, duties and public safety, one to be superintendent of discontinue any employment or aboltsh any which date shall not be less than thirty to the voters such ordinance at a special powers, duties and officers of all other the department of parks and public prop- is no longer necessary, and the council showing the petition sufficient. Candicity shall be the superintendent of the meeting, or as soon as practicable thereafter, designate by a majority vote one councilman to be superintendent of the department of streets, public improvements and public property, one councilman to be superintendent of public accounts and finances and the mayor in such last named ditional service. city shall be superintendent of the department of public affairs and public safety. and in all of said cities the superintendent of the department of accounts and finances shall be vice president of the city council and in the absence or inability of the mayor to serve shall perform the duties of the mayor of the city, and in case of vacancy in the office of mayor by death or otherwise said vice president shall perform the duties of mayor of the city until such time as the council, after filling the office of councilman left vacant, shall select another or new chairman and mayor, which it shall do in the case of such vacancy at the first council meeting, or as soon as practicable thereafter, after such vacancy occurs; and in all of such cities the council may change the superintendency of any of said departments, except that of public affairs, from one of parks and public property. In cities con- said councilmen to another whenever it appears that the public service and man-

partment of public safety, (4), department | Sec. 12.—The council shall at its first-transact any business. of streets and public improvements, (5) de- meeting, or just as soon as possible there- Public Offices, Mayor, Duty. partment of parks and public property. In after, elect as many of the city officers cities containing 5,000 and less than 25,000 provided for by the then existing laws or population, according to said census, as ordinances governing any such city as mayor shall, in a general way, constantly follows: (1) Department of public affairs may, in the judgment of the council, be investigate all public affairs concerning the and public safety. (2) department of ac- essential and necessary to the economical city's interest and investigate and ascercording to said census, the annual salary as may be, the powers and duties so elected either by providing that such he shall recommend to the city council all the annual salary of each of such councilmen shall be \$1,600. The all cities containing and may assign particular officers or emand the council may modify the powers or
Sec. 17 Any officers. each of such councilmen shall be fixed employe to perform duties in two or more completely define and fix such powers exert his influence directly or indirectly by ordinance, not to exceed, however, the of the departments and may make such or duties anew; and any such officers or employes and additional to the methods otherwise sum of \$1,000. And in all cities containing other rules and regulations as may be any assistant or employe elected or ap- of such city to adopt his political views provided by law for removing such offinecessary or proper for the efficient and pointed by the council may be removed shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon cers. ing to said census, the annual salary of economical management of the business by the council at any time. Provided how- conviction shall be punished by a fine not initiative. ever, that in cities of the metropolitan exceeding \$100 or be imprisoned in the class no member or officer of the police county jail not exceeding thirty days. Sec. 12.-The council in all such cities department, or department of police, sani- Petitions. shall, at its first meeting, elect by a ma- ration and public safety or of the fire/de- Sec. 18 .- All petitions provided for in this city. But such grant is made upon the fol-

agement of the business affairs of the city

Meetings.

Sec. 15 .- The first meeting of the council councilmen and thereafter the regular cities containing over 190,000 population, according to such census, at least once in any of such cities may be called, from time to time, by the mayor or two coungilmen, giving notice in such manner as may be fixed or defined by existing law or ordinance in any of such cities or as shall be fixed by ordinance or resolution by such council. A majority of such council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business, but it shall require any such city to pass any measure or

Sec. 16.-The mayor and councilmen shall

jority vote one of its members president partment or department of fire protection act shall be signed by none but legal voters of the council and he shall be styled and and water supply shall be discharged for of the city and each petition shall contain. right herein granted to the council to leg- ing such special election after the suffiknown as mayor of the city, but he shall political reasons, nor shall a person be in addition to the names of the petitioners. have no power to veto any ordinance, reso- employed or taken into either of said de- the street and house number in which the any such city equal in number to it per be the same as hereinbefore pointed out lution or measure passed by the council, partments for political reasons. Before any petitioner resides. The signatures to such centum of the vote cast at the last preand he shall preside at all meetings of the such officer or employe can be discharged petition need not all be appended to one council; and the council shall also at such charges must be filed against him before paper, and at least one of the signers of to enact a proposed ordinance it shall be tion shall be the same as hereinbefore meeting, or as soon as practicable there the council and a hearing had thereon, each such paper shall make oath before the duty of the council to either pointed out for such removal and the genafter, in cities containing 190,000 or more and an opportunity given such officer or some officer competent to administer oaths, enact such ordinance without amendpopulation, according to said census, desig- employe to defend against such charges, that the statements made in any such penate by a majority vote one councilman to but this prevision shall not be construed tition are true as he verily believes, and the same to a vote of the people at the before provided for voting upon the adopbe superintendent of the department of to prevent peremptory suspension of such that the signers thereon were at the time next election held within such city reounts and finances, one to be superin- member by the council in case of miscon- of signing such petition, legal voters of the gardless of whether or not such election the electors and the classes of voters who tendent of the department of police, sani- duct or neglect of duty or disobedience of city as he verily believes and shall also

ers upon the petition, or part thereof, seventy days after the filing of the petisworn to by him, at the time he makes tion for the proposed ordinance. The pesuch affidavit.

General Laws Govern.

Sec. 19.-All general state laws governing the several classes of cities described in this net shall, according to the class within having charge of the records of the city which it is embraced, apply to and govern consistent with the provisions, intent and repose of this act, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act shall, upon the adoption of this

of office of the first council elected under ordinance once in each of the daily newsthe provisions of this act, the appropria- papers of general circulation in said city tions or distribution of the expenditures and if there be no daily newspaper pubof the city government for the current fis- lished within such city then once in each cal year have been made, said council shall have power, by ordinance, to review re- such city, such publication to be not more peal or change such distribution or to than twenty nor less than five days belimit of the total taxes levied for such ordinance to the electors. All proposed

Council, Recall.

follows: A petition signed by such electors title thereof.) equal in number to at least 30 per centum of the highest vote cast at the last prefiled in any city where registration laws oftener than once in two years. are in force, or if not, then from such ource as may be available to such clerk. Referendum. tion and water supply, one to be superin- the council with the officer having charge days from the date of such clerk's certifient of the department of public improve- council after such charges are filed. For the original petition, and the clerk shall fore provided, by electors of the city equal the department of public affairs; and books and papers, and to administer oaths certificate shall show the supplemental petion, protesting against the passage of such office at any time when, in the judgment nor more than sixty days from the date election to be called for that purpose or at provements and one to be superintendent of of the council, such employment or office of the clerk's certificate to the council a general city election; and such ordinance shall have power, at any time and at any dates other than those mentioned in the unless a majority of the qualified electors meeting, to create any office or board it recall petition herein provided for shall be voting on the same shall vote in favor department of public affairs, and in cities deems necessary and fix their salaries and nominated as provided in this act except thereof. Such petition shall be in all containing 5,000 population and less than it may create a board of three or more that where but one councilman is to be respects in accordance with the provisions members composed of other officers of voted upon only the person receiving the of this act relating to signatures, verifithe city and confer upon such board any largest number of votes of elector shall cation, inspection and certification. power not required to be exercised by the be deemed nominated and placed upon the Commission Plan Abandoned. council itself and may require such other ballot; where two councilmen are to be officers to serve upon any such board and voted upon only the two candidates receivated for more than four years under the or without any additional pay for such ad- deemed nominated and so on. Such primary shall be held upon the second Tuesday provided for in this act shall be held or + notice of the time of holding such election as follows: the first Monday after the election of such and all arrangements for holding such meetings of such council shall be held in conducting the same and canvassing the as equals at least 25 per centum of the each week and upon such day and hour as at the general or regular city elections preceding general or regular election in

method of removal shall be cumulative and terminate.

Sec. 21.-The right to enact ordinances ing for the removal of any such councilfor any city roverned by this act is hereby men and such petition may be supplegranted to the qualified electors of such mented and the sufficiency thereof ascerlowing conditions and in addition to the out for such removal and the date of holdislate. Whenever qualified electors of ciency of such petition be ascertained shall ceding city election petition the council the ballot to be used at such special elecment within thirty days of submit special election shall be the same as hereinbe a city, county or state election.

Commission Plan Election Saturday, September 2 stitioned for by qualified electors equal in number to 2 per centum of the vote cast of councilmen under the provisions of this act.

the council shall fail to enact the same it shall be the duty of the council to either enact such ordinance without amendment within thirty days or submit such ordinance to a vote of the people at a special election called by the council for that purpose, the date of such election shall not be less than fifty days nor more than tition herein provided for shall be in general form and as to signatures and verification as provided in this act shall be filed with the city clerk, and if there be council. Said officer shall immediately ascertain the per centum of the voters signed to such petition and transmit his findings together with such petition to the council.

In the event the council shall fall to enact such ordinance the council shall submit same to vote of the people of such city as herein provided. The mayor shall cers thereunder, be deemed and held to be issue a proclamation notifying the electors of said election at least fifteen days prior to such election, and the council shall cause to have published a notice of said Sec. 20.-If at the beginning of the term election, and a copy of such proposed weekly newspaper of general circulation in ordinances shall have a title which shall state in a general way the purpose and Sec. 21.—Any of such councilmen may be intent of such ordinance. The ballots used removed at any time from office by the when voting upon such proposed ordinance qualified electors of any such city. The shall contain the following: "For the procedure to accomplish the removal of ordinance" (set forth the title thereof) and any incumbent of such office shall be as "Against the ordinance" (set forth the

ceding general city election demanding an thereof such ordinance shall thereupon beelection of a successor to the person come a valid and binding ordinance of sought to be removed and naming the can- the city; and an ordinance so adopted didate or candidates proposed for election shall not be altered or modified by the to succeed him, shall be filed with the council within one year after the adoption city clerk, which petition shall contain a thereof by the people. Any number of general statement of the grounds upon proposed ordinances may be voted upon at which the removal is sought. Within ten the same election in accordance with the days from the date of filing such petition. provisions of this section. Provided, that the city clerk shall examine it and from the same measure either in form or essenthe voters' register, if the petition be tial substance shall not be submitted

ascertain whether or not said petition is Sec. 23.-No ordinance passed by any signed by the requisite number of quali- such council, except when otherwise refied electors, and, if necessary, the coun- quired by the general laws of the state, cil shall allow such cierk extra help for or by other provisions of this act, except that purpose, and the clerk shall attach ordinances appropriating money to pay the to said petition his certificate showing the salary of officers and employes of the result of such examination, and if the city, urgency ordinances for the immediate clerk's certificate to such petition shows preservation of the public peace, health certificates, without delay, to the council consider such ordinace; and if the same be and the council shall order and fix, with not entirely repealed by such council then the said council shall proceed to submit

Sec. 34.-Any city which shall have oper-

perform the services required of it with ing the largest number of votes shall be provisions of this act may abandon the provisions of this act and the organization thereunder, and accept the provisions of prior to the election. The council shall the general law of the state then applicable make, or cause to be made, publication of to cities of its population, by proceeding

Upon a petition signed by such number election, and the method and manner of of the qualified electors of any such city vote cast thereat and declaring the results highest vote cast for any of the councilthereof shall be the same in all respects men elected under this act at the last as the council may designate; and in all in any such city, except that the ballot any such city, being filed with and found other cities the regular meetings of the used at such election shall be the paper sufficient by the city clerk or clerk of council shall be held at such intervals and ballot authorized by the Australian ballot such council, a special election shall be upon such day and hour as the council law and the ticket shall be printed in the called in any such city, at which special may by ordinance or resolution designate; same manner as herein provided for the election the following proposition only shall and special meetings of the council in holding of elections at the general city be submitted: "Shall the city (name of election in such city and the names thereon city) abandon its organization under (namso arranged, and aid to voters restricted ing the chapter of the published law conthe classes hereinbefore named. The taining this act) and become a city under successor of any officer so removed shall the general laws of the state governing hold office during the unexpired term of cities of like population?" If a majority his predecessor; and any councilman sought of the votes cast at any such special electo be removed may become a candidate tion be in favor of such proposition, the to succeed himself, and unless he requests officers elected at the next succeeding genotherwise in writing, the clerk shall place eral city election in any such city shall be a majority vote of the whole council in his name on the official ballot with the those then prescribed by the general law of other names mentioned in such petition, the state for cities of like population, and In any such removal election the candidate upon the qualification of such officers, acreceiving the highest number of votes shall cording to the terms of such general state be declared elected, and at such election if law, such city shall become a city govsome other person than the incumbent re- erned by and under such general state law; maintain offices at the city hall and the ceives the highest number of votes the in- provided, 'however, that if such special cumbent shall thereupon be deemed re- election be not held and the result thereof moved from the office upon the qualifica- declared at least fifty days before the counts and and finances. (3) department of but efficient and proper conducting of the tain, in a general way, the efficiency and receives the highest number of votes such city shall continue to be governed streets, public improvements and public government of the city and shall at the manner in which all departments of the should fall to qualify and give bond, as under the provisions of this act until the property. And the council shall provide, same time fix the salaries of the officers city government are being conducted, and by law provided, within ten days after resecond general city election occurring after of each of such councilmen shall be \$2,000. to be exercised and performed by and salaries shall remain the same as fixed by such matters as in his judgment should shall be deemed vacant and shall be filled such general city election the officers proceiving notice of his election, the office the date of such special election, and at In all cities containing \$5.000 and less than assign them to the appropriate departments the then existing laws or ordinances for receive the investigation, consideration or by the remaining members of the council vided by such general state law for the as any other vacancy is filled in such of- government of any such city shall be fics. If the incumbent receives the high- elected and upon their qualification the 7,000 and less than 2,000 population, accord- player to more than one of the depart- duties of any such officers as provided by Sec. 17.—Any officer or employe of such less number of votes cast at such election, terms of office of the councilmen elected ing to said census, the annual salary of ments and may require any officer or then existing laws or ordinances or may city who, by solicitation or otherwise, shall be shall census.

The sufficiency of the petition asking for such special election shall be ascertained by the city cierk in the same manner as is heretofore provided as to petitions askmay be aided in casting their ballots at Whenever such proposed ordinance is pe- such special election shall be the same as