



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE TO CALL AN ELECTION DURING THE 2020 GENERAL ELECTION ON THE ISSUE OF PERMITTING THE SELECTION OF THE POSITION 1 COUNCIL MEMBER FROM EACH WARD TO BE VOTED ON BY ONLY THE CITIZENS OF THE WARD IN WHICH THEY SERVE

WHEREAS, the City of Jonesboro believes that it would be beneficial to the citizens of each ward to have one councilmember elected solely by the citizens of the ward they represent;

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council to send this measure to the voters to determine if the Position 1 council seat in each ward should be so elected;

WHEREAS, this shall in no way effect the way the Position 2 council seat is elected;

WHEREAS, this referred measure and election is held in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 14-55-301, *et seq.*; and,

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council that this change take place with the next regularly scheduled election for the Position 1 seat.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council for the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas that:

SECTION ONE: The provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to approval by a majority of the electors voting on the issue during the General Election to be held on November 3, 2020.

SECTION TWO: The change in how the Position 1 seat is elected shall take place at the next regularly scheduled election for that seat.

SECTION THREE: The following question shall be referred to the electors of the City during the General Election held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020:

FOR REFERRED MEASURE NO. ____

AGAINST REFERRED MEASURE NO. ____

SECTION FOUR: The Mayor and City Clerk are directed to complete any and all duties required by law to place this matter on the ballot for the November 3, 2020, General Election, and to prepare and publish any notices or advertisements required, and further to perform all necessary acts to have the Craighead County Election Commission and other officers assure that this matter is placed upon a ballot for the November 3, 2020, General Election.

SECTION FIVE: All laws, ordinances, resolutions, or parts of the same, that are inconsistent with the

provisions of this ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION SIX: Should any part or portion of this ordinance be found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, such invalidity as may be found shall not affect any other part or portion hereof.