

PROPOSITION NO. 7

Revising County Redistricting Process

A. Proposed Ballot Title:

The Snohomish County Charter Review Commission has proposed amendments to the Snohomish County Charter concerning the process used for redrawing County Council districts. This proposition would revise and update the process by setting workable deadlines for appointing the Districting Committee and districting master and for action by the Districting Committee and County Council; restrict the County Council's ability to revise districting plans adopted by the Districting Committee, by requiring approval by a supermajority vote and limiting revisions to one percent of the population of any Council district; and repeal inconsistent transition provisions. Should this proposition be:

Approved . . . . .

Rejected . . . . .

B. Charter Amendments Required:

**AMENDED SECTIONS:**

**Section 4.60 Districting Committee**

~~((Within thirty days after each federal decennial census data is received from the state redistricting commission or its successor))~~ During the month of January 2021, and by January 31 of each tenth year thereafter, a five-member districting committee shall be appointed. The county council shall appoint four persons to the committee, two members from each of the two largest major political ~~((party))~~ parties as defined in state law from a list of five submitted by the party's central committee, the four members to appoint the fifth voting member who shall be chair. Members of the districting committee shall serve without salary but shall be compensated for reasonable-out-of-pocket expenses. The districting committee shall ~~((within thirty days of its appointment, meet and))~~ appoint a districting master who shall be qualified by education, training and experience to draw a redistricting plan. If the districting committee is unable to agree upon the appointment of a districting master ~~((within thirty days))~~ by April 1, the county council shall appoint a districting master.

**Section 4.70 Districting Plan**

~~((Within one month after appointment, the districting master shall draw a districting plan for the county which shall be submitted to the committee for adoption.))~~ The

districting master shall draw a districting plan for the county which shall be submitted to the districting committee by November 1. Following public hearing at least ((one week)) seven days in advance, the districting committee shall adopt the districting plan within thirty days as submitted or as amended by at least four affirmative votes of the committee members. Upon adoption, the plan shall be filed with the county council by the districting committee. No later than ((the first day of June)) eight months following the county's receipt of ((the)) federal decennial census data from the state, or within such other period as may be established by state law, the county council shall adopt by ordinance a districting plan, provided that a minimum of four affirmative votes shall be required to amend the plan adopted by the districting committee and the area amended may not include more than one percent of the population of any council district.

**REPEALED SECTIONS:**

**~~((Section 11.40 Budget~~**

~~The budget for 2007 which is in effect when this amended charter takes effect, shall remain effective until revised.))~~

**~~((Section 11.70 Effective Date~~**

~~This amended charter shall take effect January 1, 2007. The term "effective date of this amended charter" shall mean January 1, 2007.))~~