



Legislation Text

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Government Performance & Financial Management

AGENDA DATE: June 26, 2024

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): N/A

DEPARTMENT: City Secretary's Office

EXECUTIVE: Bilierae Johnson

SUBJECT

Authorize an Interlocal Agreement with Dallas County, Texas ("County") on behalf of the Dallas County Elections Department for assistance and services related to verifying four City petitions - Not to exceed \$90,000.00 - Financing: General Fund

BACKGROUND

On June 18, 2024, our office received four separate petitions with intentions to amend the Dallas City Charter.

Texas Local Government Code, Sec. 9.004(a), states in part, "...The governing body shall submit a proposed charter amendment to the voters for their approval at an election if the submission is supported by a petition signed by a number of qualified voters of the municipality equal to at least five percent of the number of qualified voters of the municipality or 20,000, whichever number is the smaller."

Texas Election Code, Sec. 277.003. VERIFYING SIGNATURES BY STATISTICAL SAMPLE, states, "If a petition contains more than 1,000 signatures, the city secretary or other authority responsible for verifying the signatures may use any reasonable statistical sampling method in determining whether the petition contains the required number of valid signatures, except that the sample may not be less than 25 percent of the total number of signatures appearing on the petition or 1,000, whichever is greater. If the signatures on a petition circulated on a statewide basis are to be verified by the secretary of state, the sample prescribed by Section [141.069 <](#) <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/GetStatute.aspx?Code=EL&Value=141.069> [>](#) applies to the petition rather than the sample prescribed by this section."

This action authorizes the City to enter into a an interlocal agreement with the Dallas County Elections Department for assistance in verifying signatures on all four petitions that were submitted, as prescribed by Section 9.004, of the Texas Local Government Code.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

This item has no prior action.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Fund	FY 2024	FY 2025	Future Years
General Fund	\$90,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00