



Legislation Text

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Government Performance and Financial Management
AGENDA DATE: May 12, 2021
COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): N/A
DEPARTMENT: City Secretary's Office
EXECUTIVE: Bilierae Johnson

SUBJECT

An ordinance ordering a runoff election to be held in the city of Dallas, on Saturday, June 5, 2021, for the purpose of electing Members of the City Council for Places 2, 4, 7, 11, 13 and 14 in which no candidate received a majority of the votes in the general election held Saturday, May 1, 2021 - Financing: No cost consideration to the City (see Fiscal Information)

BACKGROUND

Chapter IV, Section 11, of the Dallas City Charter states, in part, "If no candidate for a particular office receives a majority of the votes cast for all candidates for that office in the first election, a runoff election for that office is required...." No candidate in Places 2, 4, 7, 11, 13 and 14 received a majority of the votes cast in the general election held Saturday, May 1, 2021; therefore, a runoff election is required to elect council members to represent Places 2, 4, 7, 11, 13 and 14.

Section 2.025(a) of the Texas Election Code provides, in part, that "... a runoff election shall be held not earlier than the 20th or later than the 45th day after the date the final canvass of the main election is completed." In accordance with the joint election contract with the Dallas County Elections Department, June 5, 2021 has been determined as the runoff election date.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

On February 10, 2021, City Council authorized Ordinance No. 31771, which ordered the general election to be held on Saturday, May 1, 2021, by Resolution No. 21-0338.

FISCAL INFORMATION

No cost consideration to the City. This action will require an increase to the joint elections agreement with Dallas County to be paid from Contingency Reserve.