

Anchorage Initiative Petition
Anchorage Election and Apportionment Reform Act of 2003

The following initiative proposition shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the Municipality of Anchorage at the next regular Municipal election after its final certification by the Municipal Clerk:

PROPOSITION NO. _____

AMENDING THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CHARTER TO:

(1) ESTABLISH AND REAPPORTION ELEVEN SINGLE MEMBER ASSEMBLY ELECTION DISTRICTS; (2) ESTABLISH A REAPPORTIONMENT BOARD AND ITS DUTIES AND AUTHORITY; (3) ESTABLISH AND LIMIT THE NUMBER OF TERMS OF ASSEMBLY MEMBERS; AND (4) ENACT A TRANSITION PROVISION FOR IMPLEMENTING THESE AMENDMENTS.

Shall Anchorage Municipal Charter Sections 4.01, 4.02(a) and 4.02(e) be amended and a new Section 4.03 and Transition Provisions be adopted, to read as follows and to take effect immediately on certification of the results of the election at which presented:

(Capital letters in brackets are deletions of existing language and underlined letters are new language.)

4.01 Power, composition and apportionment.

The legislative power of Anchorage is vested in an assembly of 11 members. There shall be eleven (11) Assembly election districts, numbered one (1) through eleven (11), each of which [ELECTION DISTRICTS, IF ESTABLISHED,] shall be formed of compact and contiguous territory containing as nearly as possible [PRACTICABLE] a relatively integrated socioeconomic area. The assembly shall be reapportioned whenever it becomes malapportioned. The Municipal Reapportionment Board [THE ASSEMBLY] shall determine and declare by resolution whether the Assembly [OR NOT IT] is malapportioned within 30 days from:

- (1) Receipt of the final report of each federal decennial census, including any supplementary data necessary to establish population distribution within the municipality;
- (2) Receipt of a petition of 50 or more qualified voters alleging and containing reliable evidence that the assembly is malapportioned; or
- (3) Any amendment to this Charter affecting voter representation on the Assembly or Assembly election districts.

If the Municipal Apportionment Board [ASSEMBLY] determines that the Assembly [IT] is malapportioned, it shall, within five months of the determination, reapportion the Assembly [ITSELF] in the manner provided by law.

4.02 Term, membership and qualifications.

(a) Assembly members shall be elected from single-member election districts for a term of three years. Terms of Assembly members shall be staggered so that, as nearly as possible, one-half of the Assembly is elected in each of two consecutive years. [IF ALL ASSEMBLYMEN ARE ELECTED FROM SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICTS, THE TERM OF AN ASSEMBLYMAN IS TWO YEARS. IF SOME OR ALL ASSEMBLYMEN ARE ELECTED FROM MULTI-MEMBER DISTRICTS, THE TERM OF AN ASSEMBLYMAN IS THREE YEARS.]

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(e) A person who has served on the assembly for two [THREE] consecutive terms may not be reelected to the assembly until one full term has intervened and no Assembly member may serve more than seven consecutive years.

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4.03 Municipal Reapportionment Board

(a) There shall be a Municipal Reapportionment Board consisting of five Municipal residents. Two members of the Reapportionment Board shall be appointed by the Mayor. Two members of the Reapportionment Board shall be appointed by a majority of the authorized number of Assembly members and shall not be subject to veto by the Mayor. One member of the Reapportionment Board shall be appointed by a majority of the four Reapportionment Board members appointed by the Mayor and the Assembly. The fifth member of the Reapportionment Board shall be appointed within seven days after the final appointment of the members appointed by the Mayor and the Assembly. If a majority of the Mayor's and the Assembly's appointees are unable to agree on the appointment of the fifth member within said seven days, the four members appointed by the Mayor and the Assembly shall be discharged automatically and the appointment process shall be repeated until a fifth member is chosen in accordance with this section.

(1) No member of the Municipal Reapportionment Board may be an elected or appointed official or employee of the Municipality or the State of Alaska and may not be a candidate for election to the Assembly until after the first regular Municipal election immediately following a reapportionment or reapportionment decision in which the member participated.

(2) Members of the Municipal Reapportionment Board shall serve until a final reapportionment plan or decision is proclaimed by the Board resulting from the event(s) that occasioned their appointment.

(b) The Municipal Reapportionment Board shall have the full authority to and shall reapportion Assembly election districts as provided in Section 4.02 and as may be necessary to implement amendments to this Charter and shall have full authority to and shall provide for the implementation of such reapportionments including but not limited to, as may be reasonably necessary, the shortening of tenure.

Transition Provisions. Charter Sections 4.01, 4.02(a), 4.02(e) and 4.03 as amended and adopted by this Proposition shall be implemented for and govern the election of Assembly members at the regular Municipal election in 2004. All Assembly seats shall be elected at the regular Municipal election in 2004. The tenure and term of all Assembly members in office on the effective date of these Charter amendments shall end on the date of the regular Municipal election in 2004, but they shall continue to serve until their successors are elected and qualified. At the regular Municipal election in 2004 only, the five even numbered election district seats shall be elected for one year and the six odd numbered election seats shall be elected for a term of three years.

The first day of circulation this petition is November 12, 2002. All signatures will be secured within 90 days of first circulation.

Date	Print your name	Signature	SSN/Voter ID	Residence address	Mailing Address	Phone #

**Return to; AGREE: 507 E Street #208, Anchorage, Alaska 99501
Thank you for your support**