

ORDINANCE #65578
Board Bill No. 56
Committee Substitute

An ordinance submitting to the qualified voters of the City of St. Louis a proposed amendment to the Charter of the City of St. Louis repealing Paragraph (a) of Section Fourteen-C of Article XIII of the Charter of the City of St. Louis relating to the qualifications of the Director of Health and Hospitals and enacting in lieu thereof is a new Paragraph (a) for Section Fourteen-C; providing for an election to be held thereon; and for the manner of voting thereat and containing an emergency clause.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:

Section One. The following amendment to the Charter of the City of St. Louis is hereby proposed and submitted to the voters of the city and to be voted upon at an election to be held as hereinafter provided.

The said amendment is in words and figures as follows:

Paragraph (a) of Section Fourteen-C of Article XIII of the Charter of the City of St. Louis relating to the qualifications for the Director of Health and Hospitals is hereby repealed and enacted in lieu thereof is a new paragraph (a) for Section Fourteen-C which shall be and read as follows:

Section 14C Director—Qualifications

(a) **Director—Qualifications.** The director of health and hospitals shall be a licensed practitioner of medicine and surgery and a graduate of an accredited school of medicine or shall have completed graduate work in a accredited school of public health to the level of a Master's Degree in Public Health or have been certified by the American Board of Preventive Medicine and Public Health. The director also shall have had at least three years of experience in the practice of medicine or shall have had at least three years' experience in public health work, with at least two years of such experience in a responsible administrative capacity.

Section Two. The foregoing proposed amendment to the Charter of the City of St. Louis shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the City at the next State or City primary or general election at which this proposal can be lawfully submitted, and if said proposed amendment shall receive in its favor the votes of three-fifths of the qualified voters voting at such election for or against said proposed amendment such amendment shall be adopted and become a part of the Charter of the City of St. Louis from the date of said election. Qualified voters of the City of St. Louis may at the election aforesaid vote a ballot substantially in he following form:

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Instructions to Voters:

To vote in favor of the proposition submitted upon this ballot, place an "X" in the square opposite the word "YES" an to vote against any proposition submitted upon this ballot, place an "X" in the square opposite the word "NO".

The amendment shall appear on the ballot substantially, as follows:

Shall Paragraph (a) of Section Fourteen-C of Article XIII of the Charter of the City of St. Louis relating to the qualifications for the Director of Health and Hospitals be repealed and a new paragraph (a) for Section Fourteen-C be enacted to read as follows:

Section 14C Director—Qualifications

(a) **Director—Qualifications.** The director of health and hospitals shall be a licensed practitioner of medicine and surgery and a graduate of an accredited school of medicine or shall have completed graduate work in a accredited school of public health to the level of a Master's Degree in Public Health or have been certified by the American Board of Preventive Medicine and Public Health. The director also shall have had at least three years of experience in the practice of medicine or shall have had at least three years' experience in public health work, with at least two years of such experience in a responsible administrative capacity.

The Board of Election Commissioners shall provide the ballots or voting machines or both and conduct the election and shall ascertain and certify the result thereof according to the law.

If voting machines are used, the aforesaid "OFFICIAL BALLOT" shall be placed or posted on the said voting machines

wherever said machines are used under the direction of the Board of Election Commissioners for the City of St. Louis and according to law.

Section Three. Upon the approval of this ordinance, it shall be published in the City Journal, the official publication of the City of St. Louis, Missouri. Proof of the publication of this ordinance shall be made by affidavit of the City Register, and such affidavit shall be filed in the office of the City Register and a copy of such publication shall be attached thereto.

Section Four. Upon the approval of this charter amendment, it shall be certified and deposited as required by Article VI, Section 33 of the Constitution of Missouri and shall be filed in the office of the City Register.

Section Five. This being a bill calling for an election for submission to the people of an amendment to the Charter of the City of St. Louis, it is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

Approved: July 23, 2002