

ORDINANCE #68713
Board Bill No. 125

An ordinance submitting to the qualified voters of the City of St. Louis a non-binding preferential vote as authorized by Article II Section 9 of the Charter of the City of St. Louis to assist the Missouri General Assembly in their deliberations regarding the governance of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department; providing for an election to be held therefore and 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 non-binding preferential vote as authorized by Article II, Section 9 of the Charter of the City of St. Louis is hereby proposed and submitted to the voters of the City of St. Louis and shall be voted upon at an election as hereinafter provided.

To assist the Missouri General Assembly in their deliberations regarding the governance of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department the following non-binding preferential proposal shall be read as follows:

"The Missouri Legislature took governance of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department during the Civil War. Do you believe that governance of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department should be returned to the City of St. Louis?"

SECTION TWO. The foregoing non-binding preferential vote shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the City of St. Louis at the election scheduled for Tuesday, November 2, 2010. The qualified voters of the City of St. Louis may at the election aforesaid, deposit a printed ballot substantially in the following form:

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Instructions to Voters:

To vote in favor of the proposal submitted upon this ballot, punch through the ballot card by inserting the punching tool into the hole opposite the word "YES" following such proposal; and to vote against any proposal submitted upon this ballot punch through the ballot card by inserting the punching tool into the hole opposite the word "NO" following such proposal.

The proposed non-binding preferential vote shall be listed by number on this ballot accompanied in each instance by a brief summary of the proposal and followed by the words:

YES [] NO []

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

"The Missouri Legislature took governance of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department during the Civil War. Do you believe that governance of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department should be returned to the City of St. Louis?"

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. Emergency Clause. This being an ordinance for the preservation of public peace, health and safety, it is hereby declared to be an emergency measure within the meaning of Sections 19 and 20 of Article IV of the Charter of the City of St. Louis and therefore this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

Approved: July 9, 2010