

BILL NO. 116, 2010

ORDINANCE NO. 24,382, 2010

Introduced by Councilmembers Fraser, Burkett & Stenger

**AN ORDINANCE**

CALLING AND PROVIDING FOR THE HOLDING OF AN ELECTION IN ST. LOUIS COUNTY ON THE THIRD DAY OF AUGUST, 2010, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF SAID COUNTY A PROPOSITION TO AMEND THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY CHARTER TO PROVIDE FOR ELECTION OF THE COUNTY ASSESSOR.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. An election shall be and the same is hereby called and ordered to be held in the County of St. Louis on the third day of August, 2010, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the said county for adoption or rejection a proposition to amend the Charter of St. Louis County by providing for the election by popular vote of the County Assessor, said amendment being attached hereto as Exhibit A.

SECTION 2. The following question is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of the County of St. Louis and shall be voted upon at an election to be held as hereinbefore provided. The question shall be in substantially the following form:

PROPOSITION

Shall the Charter of St. Louis County be amended by providing for the election of the St. Louis County Assessor, as set forth in Exhibit A of Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_ on file with the St. Louis County Administrative Director and the St. Louis County Board of Election Commissioners?

YES

NO

SECTION 3. The Administrative Director shall certify the enactment of this ordinance to the Board of Election Commissioners of St. Louis County.

ADOPTED: MAY 25, 2010

BARBARA FRASER  
CHAIR, COUNTY COUNCIL

APPROVED: MAY 25, 2010

CHARLIE A. DOOLEY  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

ATTEST: GENEVIEVE M. FRANK  
ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

Patricia Redington  
COUNTY COUNSELOR

## A PROPOSAL

TO AMEND ARTICLE IV OF THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY CHARTER (1979), "DEPARTMENTS," BY REPEALING AND RE-ENACTING SECTIONS 4.340 AND 4.350 AND BY REPEALING SECTION 4.360, AND TO AMEND ARTICLE VI OF THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY CHARTER (1979), "MISCELLANEOUS OFFICES," BY REPEALING AND RE-ENACTING SECTION 6.010 AND BY ENACTING AND ADDING THERETO THREE NEW SECTIONS TO BE KNOWN AS SECTIONS 6.050, 6.060 and 6.070, ALL PERTAINING TO ELECTION OF THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY ASSESSOR.

SECTION 1. Article IV of the St. Louis County Charter (1979), "Departments," shall be amended by repealing therefrom Sections 4.340 and 4.350 and by enacting the following in lieu thereof:

**Section 4.340.** The director of revenue shall have charge of the extension and collection of all taxes and licenses and the recording of all instruments. The director shall supervise the performance of all other related duties and powers as may be provided by law or by ordinance to be performed by the offices of collector, county clerk and recorder of deeds.

**Section 4.350.** The director of revenue shall appoint under the merit system, the collector and recorder of deeds.

SECTION 2. Article IV of the St. Louis County Charter (1979), "Departments," shall be amended by repealing therefrom Section 4.360.

SECTION 3. Article VI of the St. Louis County Charter (1979), "Miscellaneous Offices," shall be amended by repealing therefrom Section 6.010 and by enacting the following in lieu thereof:

**Section 6.010.** There shall be no elective county officers other than county executive, councilmen, prosecuting attorney and assessor. Elective officers shall be nominated and elected in the manner provided in the election laws for the nomination and election of state and county officers. The incumbents of said offices at the time this charter is adopted shall continue in office until the expiration of the terms for which they were elected; any vacancy in any of said offices shall be filled for the unexpired term as provided in this charter.

SECTION 4. Article VI of the St. Louis County Charter (1979), "Miscellaneous Offices," shall be amended by enacting

and adding thereto three new sections as follows:

**ASSESSOR**

**Section 6.050.** The assessor shall be elected at a special election in April of 2011 and shall hold office through December 31, 2014; nominations for election shall be made in accordance with statute by the committee men and women of each of the two parties casting the highest vote for governor in the 2008 election. Thereafter the assessor shall be elected at the general election in 2014 and every four years thereafter, and shall take office on January 1 following the election. The assessor shall be a qualified voter of the county and shall have resided in the county for at least two years next before being elected. The assessor's entire time shall be devoted to the duties of the office. The assessor's salary shall be fixed by ordinance.

**Section 6.060.** A vacancy in the office of assessor shall be filled by the county executive subject to confirmation by the council. The person so selected shall be a member of the same political party as the previous occupant and shall hold office until January 1 following the next general election at which a successor shall be elected for the unexpired or the full term as the case may be.

**Section 6.070.** The assessor shall possess and exercise all the powers and duties given by law to the county assessor and shall possess and exercise all the powers and duties given by law to the county clerk relative to the extension, abstraction, listing and certifying of real and personal property, merchant and manufacturer, railroad, utility or other taxes for state, school, county or other purposes, and shall perform such other duties relative thereto as are provided by law or ordinance. The assessor may delegate any of the assessor's powers and duties to officers, deputies, assistants and employees but the final responsibility therefor shall be with the assessor.