

# PARTISAN ELECTIONS

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## STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

### CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE

#### RESOLUTION NO.

#### RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE LANGUAGE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE EAST PROVIDENCE CITY CHARTER AS WILL BE VOTED ON AT THE SUBSEQUENT CHARTER REFERENDUM

**WHEREAS**, the Home Rule Charter for the City of East Providence was originally adopted by the Town of East Providence in September 1954; and

**WHEREAS**, Article XIII, Sec. 8 of the Rhode Island Constitution allows for the legislative body of any city or town to propose amendments to the Charter, which amendments shall be submitted for approval to the qualified electors of the City at a general or special election; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to amend the City Charter as follows with regard to the partisan elections:

**Sec. 11-5. ~~Partisan elections~~ Non-partisan ballot.**

In all municipal elections in the City of East Providence, whether primary, general or special, there shall be ~~no~~ a party mark or designation next to each name upon any every ballot, ~~or upon any~~ declaration of candidacy, nomination petition ~~or and~~ list of candidates.

**Sec. 11-10. Ballot; form of.**

The names of the candidates in any primary, general or special City election shall be arranged alphabetically upon the ballot under the title of the office to be filled. The ballot shall be with ~~out~~ party marks ~~or and~~ designation. The name of each candidate shall be given.

**Sec. 11-13. ~~Party designation.~~ [Repealed]**

~~Whenever in said election laws and related matters, reference is made to any political party, or reference is made to voting machines as being prepared for voting purposes in accordance with political party designation, or any reference of whatever kind and designation is made in said election laws and related matters to any political party or political designation, each and every such reference to a political party shall be held to be eliminated from said election laws in accordance with the provisions of this Charter, providing for the use of non-partisan ballot; and the canvassing authority shall appoint election officials from lists submitted by the candidates, giving representation to all candidates insofar as possible.~~

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that these proposed Charter amendments be summarized on the ballot in the next special election.

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the ballot question expressly state that these amendments shall become effective upon passage without further action insofar as the Rhode Island Constitution's Home Rule Charter provisions allow.

Adopted by the City Council:

Attest:

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City Clerk of East Providence, Rhode Island