

## Staff Report

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### Charter Amendment, Board of Supervisors of Elections

On September 17, 2015 the Board of Supervisors of Elections met to review a question submitted by Mayor Pantelides' Transition Team on Boards and Commissions.

The Board recommended the following amendments to City of Annapolis Charter, Article II – Election of Mayor and Aldermen, Sec. 6. - Board of Supervisors of Elections (b) and (c):

(bc) Members of the Board of Supervisors of Elections shall be appointed by the City Council for a term that begins on the second Monday of March following the General City Election in the preceding November and ends four (4) years later on the second Monday in March. In the event of a vacancy, the City Council shall immediately fill the vacancy only for the remainder of the four-year term. A member must be reappointed for a new term in order to serve beyond any four-year term. A chair of the Board of Supervisors of Elections shall be chosen annually by its members.

(eb) Before appointing any supervisors of election, the city council shall request the city central committees representing the two (2) leading political parties of the state in the city each to designate at least four (4) eligible candidates for the position to be filled, by the second Monday in ~~March~~FEBRUARY. If a city central committee fails to nominate the required number of candidates as provided herein, the mayor shall submit a list of nominees to the city council in addition to the central committee's list by the first Monday in ~~April~~MARCH. The city council shall appoint the supervisors by the second Monday in ~~April~~MARCH. Seconded. CARRIED on voice.

The reason for the amendment is to eliminate the 1 month gap between terminating the membership of the Board of Supervisors of Elections and the appointment of the new members to that Board.

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