

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 419

Approved May 8, 1979

RESOLVED, That in accordance with Article XXVIII of the Amendments of the Constitution of the State of Rhode Island, it is hereby resolved by the City Council as follows:

SECTION 1. A special election of the electors qualified to vote in the City of Providence is hereby authorized and directed to be held on the 26th day of June, 1979, for the following purposes:

(a) To vote upon the question, "SHALL A COMMISSION BE APPOINTED TO FRAME A CHARTER?"

(b) To choose by election nine (9) persons to serve as members of the Charter Commission in the event that the question in paragraph (a) is answered in the affirmative.

SECTION 2. Candidates for the charter commission shall be chosen in the following manner:

(a) All persons qualified to vote in the City of Providence at least 30 days before this election shall be eligible to be nominees and candidates for the charter commission and no person not eligible to so vote shall be such a nominee or candidate.

(b) Any elector eligible as specified in subsection (a) of this section to be a nominee and candidate may, either in person or by agent authorized by writing signed by such prospective nominee, obtain nomination papers from the Board of Canvassers, whose duty it shall be to furnish the same on or after the 8th day of May, 1979. Each nomination paper shall at the time of issuance be clearly marked with the name of the prospective nominee and the date of issuance.

(c) The names of prospective nominees shall not be combined in the same nomination papers. The nomination papers for each prospective nominee shall consist of such number of duplicates as may be necessary which shall be assembled together before filing and as filed shall constitute a single nomination. Not all endorsers of a prospective nominee need sign on the same duplicate. Such papers shall contain a declaration of candidacy, the full name, place and date of birth, present address, length of residence in the State and in the City, a statement of consent of acceptance of the nomination, the signature of the nominee, and at the head of the space on the nomination papers where electors are to endorse their approval of the candidate shall be

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printed the following: Each of the signers of this paper so signing severally certifies that he has read or has had read to him the declaration of candidacy appearing on this paper and is satisfied that said candidate is qualified for the position to which he seeks to be elected".

(d) Every person who obtains signatures of electors upon nomination papers shall, under oath, sign the following statement: "I _____, of _____, under oath make affidavit and say that the signers of the within nomination paper did so sign the same in my presence.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of May 1979.

Notary Public".

(e) Nomination papers shall contain no party or political designation thereon.

(f) Nomination papers for each candidate must be signed by not less than Two Hundred Fifty (250) qualified electors of said City. Each elector so signing a nomination paper shall state his place of residence, give street and number or other description sufficient to identify the signer.

(g) Nomination papers shall be filed with the Board of Canvassers no later than 4 o'clock P.M., on the 17th day of May, 1979, open to public inspection thereafter, and shall be preserved as public records for one year after the date of filing. The Board of Canvassers shall cause to be recorded the day and date of filing each nomination paper.

SECTION 3. The electors voting at the special election hereby authorized and directed to be held on June 26, 1979, shall vote upon the question submitted and election of a charter commission by voting machine and it shall be the duty of the Board of Canvassers to arrange for said election. The ballot on said voting machines shall contain the following: "Shall a commission be appointed to frame a charter?" and an alphabetical list of all candidates for the charter commission, giving full name and address of each without political or other designation; appropriate instruction for voters and spaces for voters to register their votes. The alphabetical list of candidates for the charter commission shall be arranged in vertical columns but no more columns shall be used than are necessary to contain the entire list.

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SECTION 4. Each elector qualified as provided herein may vote for not more than nine (9) candidates.

SECTION 5. Upon approval of the question submitted, the nine (9) candidates who individually receive the greater number of votes shall be declared elected and shall constitute the charter commission and having been duly sworn by the Board of Canvassers shall thereafter organize by choosing from their membership, a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary.

SECTION 6. It shall be the duty of the Board of Canvassers to prepare voting places in each of the thirteen (13) Wards and the Board of Canvassers shall appoint all supervisors, and all election officials.

(a) The Board of Canvassers shall designate and appoint one (1) Warden and one (1) clerk and a minimum of two (2) supervisors for each voting district.

SECTION 7. The provisions of the State election laws relating to the qualifying of electors, the manner of voting, the duty of the election officers, and all other particulars with respect to the preparation for conducting and management of elections, so far as they may be applicable shall govern this election, except as otherwise provided in this resolution.

SECTION 8. This resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

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READ AND PASSED, as amended

Ralph Fagnolo PRES.
Rose M. Mendonca CLERK

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May 9, 1979

Mr. Harry F. Curvin
State Board of Elections
50 Branch Avenue
Providence, RI 02904

Dear Mr. Curvin:

Enclosed is copy of Resolution passed by the Providence City Council and approved by His Honor the Mayor relative to a scheduled election pertaining to the Home Rule Charter.

Very truly yours,

Rose M. Mendonca,
City Clerk.

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May 9, 1979

Honorable Robert F. Burns
Secretary of State
State of R.I. and Providence Plantations
State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mr. Burns:

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