

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR No. 2022-96**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY DECLARING THE
PROCESS TO FILL THE NEW TWELTH ASSEMBLY MEMBER SEAT AND CALLING
FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION.**

WHEREAS, the voters of the Municipality of Anchorage in the April 2020 regular election passed Proposition 12 by a majority of those voting on the question, enacting an amendment to the Home Rule Charter Article IV, § 4.01 to require each of the six Assembly election districts to have two members, and adding a twelfth Assembly seat; and

WHEREAS, when the voters approved unification and formation of the Municipality of Anchorage with the adoption of the Home Rule Charter at the initial election of September 9, 1975, the Charter § 19.03 assigned letters A through K to designated Assembly Seats, which lettering is still in use today; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly reapportioned itself and added the twelfth Assembly seat when it adopted a new Assembly election districts map with the passage and approval of AO 2022-37(S-1), As Amended. The new Assembly election district maps are immediately effective and to be used at any Municipal election after the April 5, 2022 Regular Municipal Election; and

WHEREAS, Assembly District 1, Downtown Anchorage, to be compliant with the “one person, one vote” and “fair and equal representation” principles of the Equal Protection clauses of the U.S. and Alaska constitutions, had to nearly double in size of population represented; and

WHEREAS, The new Seat L in District 1, to align with the staggered terms structure of Assembly seats with three-year terms, will have its first full term begin with certification of the regular election to be held in April 2025; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate and recommended by legal counsel that Seat L be filled sooner, in fairness to the voters within the new District 1 boundaries, at a special election. The initial term for Seat L in District 1 will run from certification of the Special Election that is the subject of this Resolution until certification of the regular election to be held in April 2025; and

WHEREAS, Anchorage Municipal Code section 28.20.010 allows the Assembly to call a special election for purposes of electing candidates to fill offices; now, therefore,

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:

1 **Section 1.** The new Assembly Seat for District 1 shall be assigned "Seat L." The
2 apportionment map adopted by AO 2022-37(S-1), As Amended, established the election
3 district boundaries for this seat representing District 1.

- 4 A. The first full regular term of three years, pursuant to Charter § 4.02(a), shall
5 begin for Seat L upon certification of the regular election held in April 2025.
6 B. The Assembly recognizes and acknowledges Seat L is effectively created upon
7 passage and approval of the reapportionment ordinance, and
8 C. The Assembly declares that Seat L shall be filled for a partial term by a special
9 election, pending the commencement of a regular three-year term.

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11 **Section 2.** The Assembly hereby calls a special election to be held by mail on **June 21,**
12 **2022** to fill Seat L for a partial term, in accordance with Anchorage Municipal Code section
13 28.20.010B. and the provisions of Title 28 of the Code. Additionally, the Assembly declares
14 the following:

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16 A. Filing for office for this Assembly seat shall open at **8:00 a.m. on May 3,**
17 **2022**, and close at **5:00 p.m. on May 10, 2022.**
18 B. The Municipal Clerk shall publish a Notice of Seat L Candidacy on or before
19 **April 28, 2022**, and a Notice of Election on or before **May 22, 2022.**
20 C. The Municipal Clerk will mail ballot packages to the registered voters qualified
21 for this election on or before **May 31, 2022.**
22 D. All ballots must be voted on or before Special Election Day, **June 21, 2022**
23 and either be
24 (a) received by the Municipal Clerk at an Anchorage Vote Center or in a Ballot
25 Drop Box **by 8:00 p.m.;** or
26 (b) postmarked on or before Special Election Day and received as required
27 by Code either before the Public Session of Canvass (tentatively scheduled
28 for July 8, 2022), or for military and overseas voters by noon on the date of
29 certification (July 12, 2022), in order to qualify for inclusion in the election
30 tabulation.
31 E. The Municipal Clerk shall publish all required notices in accordance with
32 AMC chapter 28.20.
33 F. The Municipal Clerk shall produce a Special Election Calendar detailing
34 these dates. (A proposed calendar with Code references is attached.)
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36 **Section 3.** This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval
37 by the Assembly.

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39 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this ___ day of _____,
40 2022.

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45 Chair

46 ATTEST:

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49 Municipal Clerk