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AN ORDINANCE pertaining to the Personnel Board, amending provisions regarding the nomination and election of the career service employee representative, calling for a mail ballot election and specifying candidate eligibility criteria; amending Ordinance 543, Sections 1, 2, 4, 6 and 7 and K.C.C. 3.08.010, 3.08.020, 3.08.040, 3.08.060 and 3.08.070; repealing Ordinance 543, Section 9 and K.C.C. 3.08.090, and adding new sections; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance No. 543, Section 1 and K.C.C.

3.08.010 are hereby amended to read as follows:

Primaries and ~~((special))~~ elections are hereby established for the purpose of nominating and electing a personnel board member by the King County career service employees as provided in Section 540 of the King County Charter.

SECTION 2. Ordinance No. 543, Section 2 as amended and K.C.C. 3.08.020 are hereby amended to read as follows:

A. ~~((Special elections))~~ Commencing in 1995, a nominating primary for candidates for the position of career service representative on the personnel board shall be held on ~~((the first and third Tuesday on December, 1970,))~~ the first ~~((and third))~~ Tuesday of ~~((May, 1975))~~ June and the election of candidates nominated at the primary shall be conducted on the fourth Tuesday of June, and shall continue to be conducted on the first and ~~((third))~~ fourth Tuesday in ~~((May))~~ June every five years thereafter ~~((7))~~.

1 B. ((~~±~~)) The candidate receiving the highest number of
2 votes and the candidate receiving the second highest number
3 of votes in the ((~~special election~~)) primary ((~~from persons~~
4 ~~eligible to vote~~)) shall both be nominated for the election.

5 C. At the ((~~special~~)) election held on the ((~~third~~))
6 fourth Tuesday of ((~~December, 1970, the third Tuesday of May,~~
7 ~~1975 and the third Tuesday of May~~)) June ((~~every five years~~
8 ~~thereafter~~)), the nominee receiving the highest number of
9 votes shall be elected ((~~a personnel board member~~)).

10 D. ((~~Provided further, that~~)) ((~~±~~)) If a candidate
11 receives more than fifty percent of the votes cast ((~~by the~~
12 ~~career service employees~~)) by the eligible voters in the
13 nominating primaries as authorized herein, there shall be no
14 further elections and the candidate will be elected ((~~a~~
15 ~~personnel board member~~)).

16 E. In the event of a vacancy, as defined in RCW
17 42.12.010, an election to fill the vacancy shall be held on
18 the fourth Tuesday of June that is more than two months
19 following the vacancy, a special three day filing period will
20 be held in the first week of June. The candidate receiving
21 the highest number of votes of all candidates shall be
22 elected to fill the remainder of the term commencing
23 immediately upon certification of the election.

24 SECTION 3. Ordinance No. 543, Section 4 and K.C.C.
25 3.08.040 are amended as follows:

26 Candidates for county personnel board member shall file
27 declarations of candidacy with the ((~~recording office of the~~
28 ~~department of~~)) records and elections division not earlier
29 than ((~~ten working~~)) twenty-nine days and not later than
30 ((~~seven working~~)) twenty five days prior to the ((~~first~~

1 ~~special election~~) primary during each (~~special~~) election
2 year (~~authorized~~) prescribed herein. Any candidate may
3 withdraw his or her declaration not later than (~~four~~
4 ~~working~~) nineteen days prior to the first (~~special~~)
5 election during each (~~special~~) election year.

6 (~~authorized~~) prescribed herein. A non-refundable five
7 dollar filing fee shall be charged for filing a declaration
8 of candidacy.

9 SECTION 4. Ordinance No. 543, Section 6 and K.C.C.
10 3.08.060 are amended as follows:

11 A. Notice of (~~both~~) the candidacy filing period and
12 of each primary and (~~special~~) election ((s)) shall be
13 (~~given to all eligible voters by elected officials and~~
14 ~~department heads having employees eligible to vote~~) prepared
15 by the records and elections division and distributed to all
16 county agencies employing persons eligible to vote. Agency
17 directors and managers shall ensure that eligible employees
18 under their supervision are provided notification. Copies of
19 the notices shall be posted in prominent places within
20 buildings in which eligible employees are employed.

21 B. The notice for the candidacy filing period shall be
22 made not later than thirty five days prior to the date of the
23 primary. The notice of the primary and election shall be
24 made not later than twenty five days prior to the date of the
25 primary prescribed by this chapter.

26 SECTION 5. Ordinance 543, Section 7 and K.C.C. 3.08.070
27 are amended as follows:

28 A. (~~All special~~) The primaries and elections called
29 for in this chapter shall be conducted by the
30 (~~superintendent of elections under the department~~) records

1 and elections division generally following the procedures for
2 conducting county elections except as otherwise provided in
3 this chapter or as prescribed by administrative rules
4 promulgated by the records and elections manager. The
5 manager is authorized to conduct such elections by mail
6 ballot including distribution with employee paychecks or by
7 the U.S. postal service. Ballots may be returned to the
8 records and elections division via the U.S. postal service or
9 in a secure manner as approved by the manager of the records
10 and elections division.

11 B. The results of the election shall be certified by
12 the records and elections manager.

13 C. ~~((and he))~~ The manager shall issue certificates of
14 nomination as applicable and a certificate of election to the
15 successful candidate. ~~((The results of the election shall be~~
16 ~~canvassed by the King County canvassing board of elections~~
17 ~~returns-))~~

18 NEW SECTION. SECTION 6. There is added to K.C.C. 3.08
19 a new section to read as follows:

20 Any resident of the State of Washington except a current
21 employee of King County including the department of
22 metropolitan services as defined in K.C.C. 3.12.010 is
23 eligible to file for candidacy for the position of career
24 service employee representative.

25 NEW SECTION. SECTION 7. For the election to be
26 conducted in June, 1995, the manager, records and elections
27 division shall conduct an additional two day special filing
28 period during the second week of June and shall ensure all
29 eligible employees, including all collective bargaining units
30 representing King County employees are notified of the dates

1 of the filing period. If more than one candidate has filed
2 for office by the end of the special filing period, the
3 candidate receiving the highest number of votes among all the
4 candidates in the election shall be declared elected and a
5 certificate of election issued.

6 SECTION 8. Ordinance No. 543, Section 9 and K.C.C.
7 3.08.090 are each repealed.

8 SECTION 9. The county council finds as a fact and
9 declares that an emergency exists and that this ordinance is
10 necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace,
11 health or safety or for the support of county government and
12 its existing public institutions.

13 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 24th day
14 of April, 1995.

15 PASSED by a vote of 13 to 0 this 5th day of
16 June, 1995.

17 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
18 KING COUNTY WASHINGTON

19 Kent Pullen
20 Chair
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22 ATTEST:

23 Gerald A. Peterson
24 Clerk of the Council

25 APPROVED this 15th day of June, 1995.

26 Greg Laska
27 King County Executive

28 Attachments: None