

*Prop No 4 Charter Amend
Defeated by voters*

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Introduced By:

Proposed No.:

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ORDINANCE NO. **12848**

AN ORDINANCE proposing amendments to the King County Charter concerning ethics; creating an independent board of ethics; amending section 310 in Article 3 of the Charter; amending Article 8 of the Charter by adding new section 825; and submitting the same to the voters of the county for their ratification or rejection at the November 1997 general election.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. There shall be submitted to the qualified voters of King County for their approval and ratification or rejection, at the next general election to be held in this county occurring more than 45 days after the enactment of this ordinance, amendments to section 310 in Article 3 in the King County Charter and to Article 8 in the Charter to add new section 825 as set forth herein.

SECTION 2. Section 310. Composition and Powers.

The executive branch shall be composed of the county executive, the county administrative officer, the county assessor, the officers and employees of administrative offices and executive departments established by this charter or created by the county council and the members of the boards and commissions except the board of ethics, the board of appeals, and the personnel board.

The executive branch shall have all executive powers of the county under this charter.

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NEW SECTION. SECTION 3. Section 825. Board of Ethics.

The county council shall adopt an ordinance creating an independent board of ethics which shall have the power to decide quasi-judicial appeals in ethics enforcement cases, to issue advisory opinions regarding ethics, and to perform such other duties as may be assigned by ordinance , which may include but is not limited to lobbyist regulation and campaign finance disclosure.

The board of ethics shall be composed of seven members selected as follows: (1) three members shall be appointed by the county executive; (2) three members shall be appointed by the county council; and (3) the seventh member shall be appointed by majority vote of the other six members. Appointments shall be subject to confirmation by the county council. Appointments shall be made within ninety days of a vacancy. The board of ethics shall select a chairperson from among its members and establish its rules of procedure.

The board of ethics shall provide annual reports to the county executive and county council regarding appeal decisions and advisory opinions it has issued.

SECTION 4. The manager of the division of records and elections shall cause notice of the proposed amendments to Articles 3 and 8 of the King County Charter to be published in accordance with the State Constitution and general law and placed on the ballot at the November 4, 1997 election, which is the next general election occurring more than 45 days after enactment of this ordinance.

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SECTION 5. If any provision of this amendment to the charter, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the amendment, or its application to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 21ST day of July, 19 97

PASSED by a vote of 13 to 0 this 8th day of September, 19 97

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Jane Hague
Chair

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Clerk of the Council

DEEMED ENACTED WITHOUT
COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S SIGNATURE.

DATED: 9/8/97

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 19__.

King County Executive