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ORDINANCE NO. **13633**

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AN ORDINANCE proposing to amend Article 2 the King County charter to empower the voters of King County with a new right of referendum in which the King County council may submit an ordinance directly to the voters of the county; adding a new section 230.45, amending section 230.70, and submitting the same to the voters of the county for their ratification or rejection at the November 1999 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, an amendment to Article 2 of the charter by adding new section 230.45 and amending section 230.70, as set forth in this ordinance.

NEW SECTION. SECTION 2. Section 230.45. Council-Submitted Referendum.

The metropolitan county council may by ordinance submit any proposed ordinance, except those excluded by this section, as a council-submitted referendum to the voters for their approval or disapproval, pursuant to this section. Council-submitted referendums may include proposed appropriation ordinances or objects of expense in an appropriation ordinance, including additional appropriations under Section 470, whether or not such ordinance or object of expense was proposed or requested by the county executive, and except, as otherwise provided in this section, may include other subjects excluded from referendum under Section 230.40. Council-submitted referendums shall not include proposed ordinances that are not subject to referendum by a county under state law. Council-submitted referendums shall not include proposed ordinances that provide

1 for collective bargaining or approve a collective bargaining agreement. Ordinances providing for
2 council-submitted referendums and proposed ordinances approved by voters pursuant to this
3 section shall not be subject to the veto power of the county executive or to referendum under
4 Section 230.40. An ordinance submitting a proposed ordinance to the voters must comply with the
5 requirements contained in Section 270.30 if the proposed ordinance adopts, repeals, or amends
6 county-wide policies and plans relating to the subject matter area for which a regional committee
7 has been established.

8 Council-submitted referendums shall be placed on the ballot at the first special or general
9 election occurring more than forty-five days after the ordinance providing for its submittal is
10 enacted by the council, unless a later election is specified in the ordinance. However, the county
11 council may by ordinance amend or repeal that ordinance at any time more than forty-five days
12 prior to the election. Such amendatory or repealing ordinances shall not be subject to the veto
13 power of the county executive or to referendum under Section 230.40.

14 SECTION 3. Section 230.70. Effective Date of Ordinances.

15 Except as provided herein, the effective date of an ordinance shall be ten days after its
16 enactment unless a later date is specified in the ordinance. If an ordinance may be subjected to a
17 referendum as provided in Section 230.40 and if a proposed referendum petition is submitted to the
18 clerk of the county council as provided in ~~((Subsection))~~ Section 230.60 prior to the tenth day after
19 its enactment, the effective date of the ordinance shall be forty-five days after its enactment unless
20 a later date is specified in the ordinance. If an ordinance is subjected to referendum, it shall not
21 become effective until after it is approved by the voters. If it is approved by a majority of the
22 voters voting on the issue, the effective date of an ordinance which is subjected to referendum or
23 proposed by initiative, a substitute ordinance adopted by the county council as provided in
24 ~~((Subsection))~~ Section 230.50, or a proposed ordinance submitted to the voters pursuant to Section
25 230.45 shall be ten days after the results of the election are certified unless a later date is specified

1 in the ordinance. The effective date of an emergency ordinance shall be the date of its enactment
2 unless a later date is specified in the ordinance.

3 An ordinance which is subject to the veto power of the county executive and which is not
4 vetoed, or the approved portions of an appropriation ordinance which has been partially vetoed,
5 shall be deemed enacted on the date that it is approved by, or ten days after it is presented to, the
6 county executive. An ordinance which is vetoed or the vetoed portions of an appropriation
7 ordinance shall be deemed enacted on the date that the county council overrides the veto or partial
8 veto. An ordinance which is not subject to the veto power of the county executive shall be deemed
9 enacted on the date it is approved by the county council.

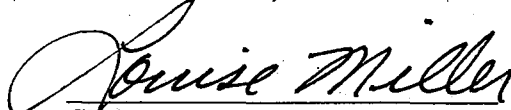
10 SECTION 4. The manager of the division of records and elections shall cause notice of the
11 proposed amendment of the King County charter to be published in accordance with the State
12 Constitution and general law and placed on the ballot at the November 1999 general election.

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

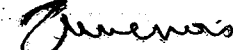
16 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 30th day of August, 1999.

17 PASSED by a vote of 8 to 5 this 13th day of September, 1999.

18 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
19 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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23 Chair

24 ATTEST:

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26 Clerk of the Council

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28 Attachments: None
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