



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**July 14, 2008**

**Ordinance 16203**

**Proposed No.** 2008-0353.1

**Sponsors** Hague and Phillips

1                   AN ORDINANCE relating to the appointment process for  
2                   the King County citizens' elections oversight committee;  
3                   and amending Ordinance 15453, Section 3, and K.C.C.  
4                   2.53.021.

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6                   STATEMENT OF FACTS:

- 7                   1. On January 7, 2008, the King County Council passed Motion 12671  
8                   that, among other actions, changed the titles and responsibilities of the two  
9                   vice chairs of the county council.
- 10                  2. K.C.C. 2.53.021 requires that appointments to the citizens' elections  
11                  oversight committee be made jointly by the chair of the council and the  
12                  vice chair of council affairs.
- 13                  3. The position of vice chair of council affairs no longer exists as a vice  
14                  chair title for the council creating a need to change K.C.C. 2.53.021 in  
15                  order to make appointments and reappointments to the citizens' elections  
16                  oversight committee.

17                  BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

18            SECTION 1. Ordinance 15453, Section 3, and K.C.C. 2.53.021 are each hereby  
19 amended to read as follows:

20            A. The chair of the council and the (~~vice chair of council affairs~~) chair of the  
21 employment and administration committee shall solicit nominations for membership  
22 from all council members. The chair of the council and the (~~vice chair of council~~  
23 ~~affairs~~) chair of the employment and administration committee shall jointly appoint  
24 oversight committee members who are confirmed by motion to the committee.

25            B. Committee membership shall include:

26            1. One representative from a nonpartisan organization active in King County  
27 that evaluates candidates and ballot measures, such as the Municipal League;

28            2. One representative from a nonpartisan organization active in King County  
29 that provides elections information to the public, such as the League of Women Voters;

30            3. One representative of an independent research and policy institute; (~~and~~)

31            4. One representative from a junior taxing district;

32            5. One representative of the Chinese-speaking community;

33            6. Two King County registered voters who are not representatives of any of the  
34 groups listed in subsection B.1. through 5. and 7. through 12. of this section;

35            7. One representative from the King County Democratic Party;

36            8. One representative from the King County Republican Party;

37            9. One representative from the Washington state Democratic Party;

38            10. One representative from the Washington state Republican Party;

39            11. One ex officio, nonvoting representative from the Office of the Secretary of  
40 State; and

- 41           12. One ex officio, nonvoting representative from the Washington State  
42 Association of County Auditors;
- 43           C. All members should have:
- 44           1. A working knowledge of local or state government elections operations and  
45 management;
- 46           2. A strong commitment to an accountable, transparent, well-managed and  
47 efficient elections operation in King County; and
- 48           3. A willingness to commit the time necessary to attend committee meetings and  
49 activities.
- 50           D. Except for the member representing the Washington State Association of  
51 Auditors, a nominee or appointee to the committee shall not hold elective public office or  
52 be a candidate for election to public office, other than as a precinct committee officer.
- 53           E. Except for the ex officio members, members shall serve three-year terms.  
54 However, the representatives representing the groups under subsection B.6, 9. and 10. of  
55 this section appointed in 2006 initially shall serve one-year terms and the representative  
56 representing the group under subsection B.1, 2, 7. and 8. of this section appointed in 2006  
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58 initially shall serve a two-year term. Ex officio members serve at the pleasure of their  
59 office or association.

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Ordinance 16203 was introduced on 6/30/2008 and passed by the Metropolitan King  
County Council on 7/14/2008, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Ms. Patterson, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Constantine, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr.  
Ferguson, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Phillips and Ms. Hague

No: 0

Excused: 1 - Ms. Lambert

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KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



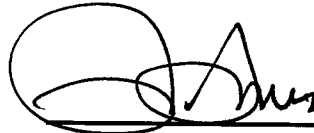
Julia Patterson, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 25 day of July, 2008.



Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments None

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