



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

September 10, 2013

Ordinance 17655

Proposed No. 2013-0340.2

Sponsors Dembowski

1 AN ORDINANCE related to annual precinct alterations
2 and making proposed precinct alterations available to the
3 public; and amending Ordinance 884, Section 1, as
4 amended, and K.C.C. 1.12.010.

5 STATEMENT OF FACTS:

- 6 1. RCW 29A.16.040 and K.C.C. 1.12.010 require that King County
7 annually adjust precinct boundaries to reflect changes in municipal
8 boundaries, to equalize the number of voters across precincts and to ease
9 the administration of elections and for voter convenience.
- 10 2. RCW 29A.16.040 requires that counties adopt adjusted precinct
11 boundaries by May 1 of each year.
- 12 3. K.C.C 1.12.010 requires that the proposed changes to precinct
13 boundaries be transmitted to the council 30 days before the statutory
14 deadline.
- 15 4. It is in the public interest that voters and the political parties have an
16 opportunity to review the proposed adjustments to precinct boundaries
17 before they are transmitted to the council, and that there be sufficient time
18 for voters and the political parties to provide comments on the proposed
19 changes.

20 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

21 SECTION 1. Ordinance 884, Section 1, and K.C.C. 1.12.010 are each hereby
22 amended to read as follows:

23 A. The voting precincts of King County are hereby established pursuant to state
24 law and shall be as described in the attachments to this section which are hereby adopted,
25 and which shall be retained officially on file in the department of elections ((division)).

26 B. An alphanumeric system of identifying voting precincts using a combination
27 of letters and numbers shall be established throughout King County. Those precincts
28 located in unincorporated areas of the county which presently have names shall retain
29 them for public purposes in addition to the alphanumeric designation. Names shall be
30 given only to those new precincts in unincorporated areas of the county which are created
31 from portions of existing named precincts.

32 C. Precincts shall be divided, new precincts created and boundaries of existing
33 precincts altered, as necessary, to implement precinct balancing and to accommodate the
34 incorporation and annexations of unincorporated county areas into incorporated cities and
35 for the convenience of voters.

36 D. In balancing precincts, voting precincts may contain as many as nine hundred
37 active registered voters per individual precinct.

38 E. Proposed revisions to voting precincts, as provided for in this section, shall be
39 submitted to the council for approval by ordinance no later than thirty days before the
40 statutory deadline established in RCW 29A.16.040 of the applicable year. The proposal
41 shall include a replacement for the attachments to this section. The department of
42 elections shall make available to the public and to the political parties the proposed

43 revisions of voting precincts for a review period of not less than ten days. All public
44 comments received shall be documented and made available upon request. If the director
45 of elections determines that there is good cause to do so, the director may suspend the
46 ten-day public review period, however the director shall immediately notify the chair of
47 the council by letter of the decision to suspend the ten-day review period and the good
48 cause for doing so. Good cause exists, but is not limited to, circumstances involving an
49 unusually large number of revisions to precinct boundaries, such as during years when
50 new federal, state and local electoral districts are drawn or in years following a
51 presidential election.

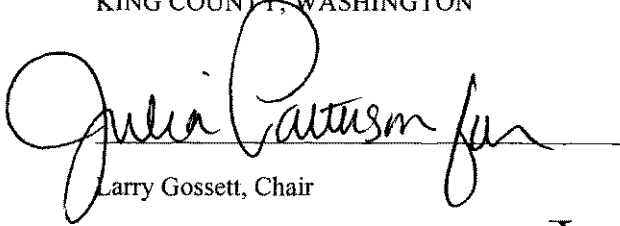
52 F. The department of elections (~~(division)~~) shall submit to the council
53 concurrently with any proposed revisions to voting precincts, proposed revisions to the

54 King County district court electoral district boundaries which result from the proposed
55 voting precinct revisions, as described in K.C.C. chapter 2.68.
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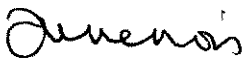
Ordinance 17655 was introduced on 7/22/2013 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 9/9/2013, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Hague, Ms. Patterson,
Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn, Mr. McDermott and Mr. Dembowski
No: 0
Excused: 1 - Mr. Gossett


KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:


Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 18 day of SEPTEMBER, 2013.


Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None

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