

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMISSION
OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE TO PROPOSE
AN AMENDMENT TO THE KNOX COUNTY CHARTER
TO ADD TWO AT-LARGE COUNTY COMMISSION MEMBER
SEATS, TO CHANGE THE NUMBER OF COMMISSION
SEATS PER DISTRICT TO ONE PER DISTRICT, AND
TO ALIGN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICTS
AND COMMISSION DISTRICTS

ORDINANCE NO.: _____

REQUESTED BY: _____

PREPARED BY: KNOX COUNTY LAW DIRECTOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND CORRECTNESS: _____

APPROVED 1ST READING: _____

APPROVED 2ND READING: _____

APPROVED EMERGENCY: _____
(YES) (NO)

VETOED: _____
Date

VETO OVERRIDE: _____
Date

MINUTE BOOK: _____ PAGE: _____

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSION OF KNOX
COUNTY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Charter Amendment set out in the ordinance is proposed for
submission to the voters of the County in accordance with the requirements of the Knox
County Charter.

Section 2. The Knox County Charter shall be amended as follows:

**A. Sections 2.03.A. (1) and (2) of the Knox County Charter are
hereby amended to delete such sections in their entirety and to
substitute the following new Sections 2.03.A. (1), (2) and (3) in lieu
thereof:**

2.03.A. The Commission members shall be elected by the people of Knox County in the following manner:

(1) The Commission under this Charter shall consist of nine (9) members elected from nine (9) districts, and two (2) members elected at-large through County-wide vote. The nine (9) members elected by districts shall be residents of and represent the districts from which they are elected. Any resident of any such district desiring to stand for election to the Commission as a district representative and qualified to do so pursuant to the requirements of this Charter shall qualify in accordance with applicable law for the specific seat representing such Commission district. The nine (9) district seats shall be referred to as Commission Seats one (1) through nine (9) respectively with the numbers corresponding to the district numbers from which the district Commissioners are elected. Any resident of Knox County desiring to stand for election to Commission as an at-large representative and qualified to do so pursuant to the requirements of this Charter shall qualify in accordance with applicable law for one (1) of the specific at-large seats elected through County-wide vote. The two (2) at-large seats shall be referred to as Commission Seats ten (10) and eleven (11). Any qualified voter in any Commission District may vote for one (1) candidate for each Commission seat representing such District, one (1) candidate for at-large Commission Seat (10) and one (1) candidate for at-large Commission Seat eleven (11).

(2) The regular terms of Commission members shall be four (4) years. Commission Seats 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 9 shall be elected in the County primary and general election of 2010 for an initial extended term of six (6) years and every four years thereafter. Commission Seats 3, 7, 10, and 11 shall be elected in the County primary and general election of 2010 and every four years thereafter. Beginning in 2010, such Commission elections shall be conducted on a nonpartisan basis with the top two (2) candidates receiving votes for each Commission Seat in a primary election qualifying for the general election unless one candidate for a particular Commission Seat receives greater than fifty percent (50%) of the vote in the primary election, in which case that candidate is declared the winner of the election for the applicable Commission Seat.

(3) The foregoing provisions of Sections 2.03.A(1) and (2) shall become effective September 1, 2010 and prior thereto the extent necessary to permit primaries and elections to be held for the eleven Commission Seats, effective September 1, 2010.

B. Section 2.03.B of the Knox County Charter is hereby amended to delete the following first sentence:

“The regular terms of the Commission members shall be four (4) years which shall all run concurrently.”

