

1 **BY AUTHORITY**

2 ORDINANCE NO. _____
3 SERIES OF 2021

COUNCIL BILL NO. CB21-0907
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:
Finance and Governance

5 **A BILL**

6 **For an ordinance submitting to a vote of the registered electors of the City and**
7 **County of Denver at a special municipal election to be held in conjunction with**
8 **the coordinated election on November 2, 2021, a proposed amendment to the**
9 **Charter of the City and County of Denver moving the general election for the**
10 **City and County of Denver from the first Tuesday in May of odd-numbered years**
11 **to the first Tuesday in April of odd-numbered years.**

12 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:**

13 **Section 1.** There is hereby submitted to the registered electors of the City and County of
14 Denver for their approval or rejection at a special municipal election to be conducted at the same
15 time and in conjunction with the coordinated election to be held in the City and County of Denver on
16 November 2, 2021, a proposed amendment to the Charter of the City and County of Denver, as
17 follows:

18 **Effective upon publication and filing with the Secretary of State in accordance**
19 **with the Constitution and laws of the State of Colorado, the following sections**
20 **of the Charter of the City and County of Denver are amended to read as follows:**

21 **Section 2.** § 8.2.2 of the Charter of the City and County of Denver is amended by deleting
22 the language stricken and adding the language underlined to read as follows:

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25 **§ 8.2.2 - General election.**

26 (A) A-For general elections conducted before January 1, 2023, the general City and County
27 election shall be held on the first Tuesday in May of every odd-numbered year. On the
28 first Tuesday of May, 1995 and on the same day every four (4) years thereafter, the
29 general election shall be held for the purpose of electing a Mayor, an Auditor, thirteen
30 Councilmembers, and the Clerk and Recorder; and for the submission of any initiative,
31 referendum, Charter amendment, or other referred measure to the voters. On the first
32 Tuesday of May, 2005 and on the same day every four (4) years thereafter, the general
33 election shall be held for the purpose of conducting vacancy elections in accordance

1 with the requirements of this Charter and for the submission of any initiative, referendum,
2 Charter amendment, or other referred measure to the voters.

3 (B) Beginning with the 2023 general City and County election, the general election shall be
4 held on the first Tuesday of April of every odd-numbered year. On the first Tuesday of
5 April, 2023, and on the same day every four (4) years thereafter, the general election
6 shall be held for the purpose of electing a Mayor, an Auditor, thirteen Councilmembers,
7 and the Clerk and Recorder; and for the submission of any initiative, referendum, Charter
8 amendment, or other referred measure to the voters. On the first Tuesday of April, 2025
9 and on the same day every four (4) years thereafter, the general election shall be held
10 for the purpose of conducting vacancy elections in accordance with the requirements of
11 this Charter and for the submission of any initiative, referendum, Charter amendment,
12 or other referred measure to the voters.

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14 **Section 3.** The paper ballot for said election shall carry the following designation, which shall
15 be the title and submission clause:

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17 **REFERRED QUESTION _____**

18 Shall the Charter of the City and County of Denver be amended to move the general election
19 for the City and County of Denver from the first Tuesday in May of odd-numbered years to the first
20 Tuesday in April of odd-numbered years to bring the City and County of Denver into compliance with
21 federal and state laws for mailing June runoff election ballots to military and overseas citizens ballots
22 forty-five days before Election Day?

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24 **Section 4.** The proper officials of the City and County of Denver as are charged with duties
25 relating to the election shall, before the election, issue such calls, make such certifications and
26 publications, give such notices, make such appointments, and do all such other acts and things in
27 connection with the submission of this Charter amendment to the registered electors of the City and
28 County of Denver at the election as are required by the Constitution and laws of the State of Colorado
29 and the Charter and ordinances of the City and County of Denver.

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31 **Section 5.** The ballots cast at such election shall be canvassed and the results ascertained,
32 determined, and certified in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution and laws of the
33 State of Colorado and the Charter and ordinances of the City and County of Denver.
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