

**ORDINANCE #66327**  
**Board Bill No. 213**

An ordinance submitting to the qualified voters of the city of St. Louis a proposed amendment to the charter of the city of St. Louis allowing for the amendment Article xviii of the city charter, relating to civil service, with the exception of sections 6, 7, 17, 18, 19, 22, 27, and 31 thereof, by ordinance upon recommendation of the civil service commission, and other related matters; providing for an election to be held for voting on the proposed amendment and for the manner of voting; and for the publication, certification, deposit, and recording of this ordinance; and containing an emergency clause.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION ONE.** This ordinance shall be known as the "Civil Service Amendment Ordinance." The following amendment to the Charter of the City of St. Louis is hereby proposed and submitted to the voters of the city and to be voted upon at an election to be held as hereinafter provided.

The said amendment is in words and figures as follows:

Part A. Article XVIII of the Charter of the City of St. Louis is hereby amended by enacting one new Section to be added thereto, which shall be and read as follows:

Section 32            Amendments to Civil Service Provisions.

The board of aldermen may by ordinance, on recommendation of the Civil Service Commission, amend any provision of this Article XVIII of the Charter, relating to Civil Service, except, such procedure shall not be available to amend the following Sections of this Article XVIII: Section 6, captioned "Civil service commission," Section 7, captioned "Commission powers and duties," Section 17, captioned "Political assessments and contributions," Section 18, captioned "Promises of official influence to affect political action," Section 19, captioned "Political activity of classified employees," Section 22, captioned "Penalties for violation," Section 27, captioned "Partial invalidity of provisions," and Section 31, captioned "Fire department." The foregoing procedures for amendment to this Article XVIII by ordinance shall be an alternative to any other procedures for charter amendment or revision provided by the constitution and laws of the state of Missouri or by other provisions of this charter.

Part B. Severability

All sections of this amendment are hereby declared to be independent sections and parts of sections. It is hereby declared to be the controlling legislative intent that if any section or part of a section, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason, then the remaining sections and parts of sections shall not be affected thereby, and it is hereby declared that this amendment would have been passed independently of such section or parts of a section so held to be invalid.

Part C. Effective date of amendment.

This amendment shall take effect ten (10) days after the date of approval of the voters of the City of St. Louis.

**SECTION TWO.** The foregoing proposed amendment to the Charter of the City of St. Louis shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the City at the next State or City election at which this proposal can be lawfully submitted, and if said proposed amendment shall receive in its favor the number of votes required by law, such amendment shall be adopted and become a part of the Charter of the City of St. Louis from the date of said election or such other date as prescribed in said amendment. Qualified voters of the City of St. Louis may at the election aforesaid vote a ballot in substantially the following form:

OFFICIAL BALLOT  
CHARTER AMENDMENT  
(Civil Service Amendment)

Shall the Charter of the City of St. Louis be amended in accordance with the Civil Service Amendment Ordinance?

This amendment adds one new section to Article XVIII of the Charter of the City of St. Louis, pertaining to Civil Service, which allows for further amendment of Article XVIII by ordinances recommended by the Civil Service Commission of the City of St. Louis and approved by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis. The amendment excepts the following sections of Article XVIII

from the process of amendment by ordinance: Section 6, captioned "Civil service commission," Section 7, captioned "Commission powers and duties," Section 17, captioned "Political assessments and contributions," Section 18, captioned "Promises of official influence to affect political action," Section 19, captioned "Political activity of classified employees," Section 22, captioned "Penalties for violation," Section 27, captioned "Partial invalidity of provisions," and Section 31, captioned "Fire department." The procedures for amendment to Article XVIII by ordinance will be an alternative to any other procedures for charter amendment or revision provided by the constitution and laws of the state of Missouri or by other provisions of the Charter of the City of St. Louis. The proposed amendment also addresses other related matters as set forth in the "Civil Service Amendment Ordinance," a copy of which is available at all polling places.

YES [ ]  
NO [ ]

Instructions to Voters: If you are in favor of the question, place an X in the box opposite 'YES'. If you are opposed to the question, place an X in the box opposite 'NO'.

The Board of Election Commissioners shall provide the ballots or voting machines or both and conduct the election and shall ascertain and certify the result thereof according to the law. If voting machines are used, the aforesaid "OFFICIAL BALLOT" shall be placed or posted on the said voting machines wherever said machines are used under the direction of the Board of Election Commissioners for the City of St. Louis and according to law.

**SECTION THREE.** Upon the approval of this ordinance, it shall be published in the City Journal, the official publication of the City of St. Louis, Missouri. Proof of the publication of this ordinance shall be made by affidavit of the City Register, and such affidavit shall be filed in the office of the City Register and a copy of such publication shall be attached thereto.

**SECTION FOUR.** Upon the approval of this amendment to the Charter of the City of St. Louis, it shall be certified, deposited and recorded as required by Article VI, Section 33 of the Constitution of Missouri.

**SECTION FIVE.** This being a bill calling for an election for submission to the people of an amendment to the Charter of the City of St. Louis, it is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

**Approved: July 23, 2004**