

1 **BOARD BILL NO. 31 CS INTRODUCED BY ALDERWOMAN PHYLLIS**  
2 **YOUNG, ALDERMAN STEPHEN CONWAY, ALDERMAN ALFRED WESSELS,**  
3 **ALDERWOMAN CAROL HOWARD, ALDERWOMAN JENNIFER FLORIDA,**  
4 **ALDERWOMAN DONNA BARINGER, ALDERMAN JOSEPH RODDY,**  
5 **ALDERWOMAN MARLENE DAVIS, ALDERMAN SCOTT OGILVIE,**  
6 **ALDERMAN SHANE COHN, ALDERWOMAN LYDA KREWSON**

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8 An ordinance submitting to the qualified voters of the city of St. Louis a proposed  
9 amendment to the charter of the city of St. Louis restructuring the board of aldermen as a  
10 body of fourteen (14) aldermen representing fourteen (14) wards, providing a transition  
11 schedule for such changes, and other related matters; providing for an election to be held  
12 for voting on the proposed amendment and for the manner of voting; and for the  
13 publication, certification, deposit, and recording of this ordinance; and containing an  
14 emergency clause.

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

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

20 The said amendment is in words and figures as follows:

21 Part A. Section 3 of Article I of the Charter of the City of St. Louis is hereby  
22 repealed and enacted in lieu thereof is one amended Section within Article I which shall  
23 be and read as follows:

24 Section 3 Wards.

25 Until December 31, 2021 the city is hereby divided into 28 wards, bounded and  
26 numbered as the wards of the city now are; Beginning January 1, 2022, and thereafter, the

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1 city shall be divided into ~~12~~ **14** wards, which ward boundaries shall be based upon the  
2 2020 decennial census of the United States of America, and each decennial census  
3 thereafter, and corrected ward boundaries shall be established by ordinance which shall  
4 comprise as nearly as practicable, compact and contiguous territory within straight lines,  
5 and contain as nearly as may be the same number of inhabitants; such ordinance shall be  
6 adopted before the end of the calendar year next succeeding the year the census is taken,  
7 with an effective date of the first day of the subsequent calendar year.

8 Part B. Section 3 of Article II of the Charter of the City of St. Louis is hereby  
9 repealed and enacted in lieu thereof is one amended Section within Article II which shall  
10 be and read as follows:

11 Section 3 Alderman.

12 At the general city election in 1915 one alderman from each odd-numbered ward  
13 shall be elected for a term of two years, and at the same election, and every four years  
14 thereafter, one alderman from each even-numbered ward, and a president of the board of  
15 aldermen, shall be elected, each for a term of four years; however, the aldermen from  
16 each odd-numbered ward, shall be elected at the general city election in 2021 shall be  
17 elected for a term of two years; the aldermen from each odd-numbered ward, shall be  
18 elected at the general city election in 2023 shall be elected for a term of two years; the  
19 aldermen from each odd-numbered ward, shall be elected at the general city election in  
20 2025, and every four years thereafter, shall be elected for a term of four years. At the  
21 general city election in 2023, and every four years thereafter, one alderman from each

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1 even-numbered ward and a president of the board of aldermen shall be elected, each for a  
2 term of four years.

3 Part C. Sections 1 and 2 of Article IV of the Charter of the City of St. Louis is  
4 hereby repealed and enacted in lieu thereof are two amended Sections within Article IV  
5 which shall be and read as follows:

6 Section 1 Composition.

7 The legislative power of the City of St. Louis shall, subject to the limitations of  
8 this charter, be vested in a board of aldermen consisting of a president, and twenty-eight  
9 members before the first day of the annual general session of the board of aldermen in  
10 April, 2023, and of a president, elected as such by general ticket from the city at large,  
11 and fourteen (14) members thereafter, one from each ward, to be elected only by the  
12 qualified voters of the ward he or she is a candidate to represent, and to be known as  
13 alderman or alderwoman from the ward from which elected. Provided, that aldermen  
14 heretofore elected shall remain in office until the end of the terms for which they were,  
15 respectively, elected, and provided further that in case of a vacancy, the alderman or  
16 alderwoman elected to fill such a vacancy shall be chosen by the qualified voters of the  
17 ward from which he or she is elected.

18 Section 2 Qualifications and salary.

19 No person shall become an alderman except a voter at least twenty-five years of  
20 age, and who shall have been next before his or her election five years a citizen of the  
21 United States, three years a resident of the city, two years an assessed taxpayer of the  
22 city, and one year a resident of the ward from which elected, nor who shall have been

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1 convicted of malfeasance in office, bribery, or other corrupt practice or crime; and if any  
2 alderman shall be so convicted or shall at any time not be a resident of such ward, the  
3 alderman shall thereby forfeit the office. However, in the event that an alderman ceases to  
4 reside within the ward to which he or she was elected due solely to redistricting of the  
5 wards pursuant to Article I, Section 3 of this Charter, said alderman shall not immediately  
6 forfeit office, but shall remain in office with all attendant powers and duties during the  
7 remainder of said alderman's then-existing term of office, and until qualification of the  
8 alderman of the redistricted ward elected at the next succeeding general city election. The  
9 salary of each alderman shall be as established by ordinance.

10 Part D. Severability

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

17 Part E. Effective date of amendment.

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

20 **SECTION TWO.** The foregoing proposed amendment to the Charter of the City of St.  
21 Louis shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the City at the November 6, 2012  
22 election at which this proposal can be lawfully submitted, and if said proposed

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1 amendment shall receive in its favor the number of votes required by law, such  
2 amendment shall be adopted and become a part of the Charter of the City of St. Louis  
3 from the date of said election or such other date as prescribed in said amendment.  
4 Qualified voters of the City of St. Louis may at the election aforesaid vote a ballot in  
5 substantially the following form:

6 OFFICIAL BALLOT

7 CHARTER AMENDMENT

8 (Board of Aldermen Amendment)

9 Shall the Charter of the City of St. Louis be amended in accordance with the Board  
10 of Aldermen Amendment Ordinance?

11 This amendment restructures the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis as a  
12 body of fourteen Aldermen representing fourteen wards, provides for a transition  
13 schedule to implement the restructuring, and other related matters, all as set forth in the  
14 "Board of Aldermen Amendment Ordinance," a copy of which is available at all polling  
15 places.

16 YES [ ]

17 NO [ ]

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

20 The Board of Election Commissioners shall provide the ballots or voting machines or  
21 both and conduct the election and shall ascertain and certify the result thereof according  
22 to the law. If voting machines are used, the aforesaid "OFFICIAL BALLOT" shall be

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1 placed or posted on the said voting machines wherever said machines are used under the  
2 direction of the Board of Election Commissioners for the City of St. Louis and according  
3 to law.

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

9 **SECTION FOUR.** Upon the approval of this amendment to the Charter of the City of  
10 St. Louis, it shall be certified, deposited and recorded as required by Article VI, Section  
11 33 of the Constitution of Missouri.

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

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