

BOARD BILL NO. 34AA INTRODUCED BY: ALDERWOMAN CAROL HOWARD

1 An ordinance submitting to the qualified voters of the City of St. Louis, a proposal to
2 revise Section 2 of Article VIII of the City of St. Louis Charter which requires City employees
3 to reside within the boundaries of the City of St. Louis and thus allow said employees, except
4 for City Agency and Department Directors appointed by the Mayor, to reside outside of the
5 boundaries of the City of St. Louis, and; providing for an election to be held for voting on the
6 proposed revision and the manner of voting thereat and; for the publication, certification,
7 deposit, and recording of this ordinance; and containing an emergency clause.

8 **WHEREAS**, in order to continue to recruit qualified candidates for employment with
9 the City of St. Louis the City must look beyond the boundaries of the City proper; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, The City of St. Louis is among only a very, few major municipalities to
12 require all of its employees to live within its boundaries as an ongoing condition of their
13 employment.

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

15 **SECTION ONE.**

16 A. The following amendment to the Charter of the City of St. Louis is hereby proposed and
17 submitted to the voters of the City of St. Louis and shall be voted upon at an election to be held
18 as hereinafter provided.

1 B. The aforementioned amendment to the Charter of the City of St. Louis is in words and
2 figures as follows: Section 2 of Article VIII of the Charter of the City of St. Louis is hereby
3 repealed and lieu thereof is a new Section 2 within Article VIII to be and read as follows:

4 SECTION 2 – RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT

5 In addition to other qualifications required by this Charter, and except as
6 otherwise provided in this Charter, all City of St. Louis agency and department directors
7 appointed by the Mayor must reside in the City of St. Louis on or before one-hundred
8 and twenty (120) days have elapsed after their employment or appointment, as the case
9 may be, and must maintain their residence within the City of St. Louis throughout the
10 entire tenure of their employment or appointment following said one-hundred and
11 twenty (120) day period, and failing or ceasing to so reside within the City of St. Louis
12 shall result in the loss or forfeit of their employment or appointment.

13 SECTION TWO.

14 A. The foregoing revision to the Charter of the City of St. Louis shall be submitted to the
15 qualified voters of the City of St. Louis at an election to be held on **the 3rd day of November,**
16 **2020** if the proposed revision shall receive in its favor the votes of the required three-fifths
17 majority of qualified voters voting at said election for or against the proposed revision, the
18 revision shall be adopted and become a part of the Charter of the City of St. Louis from the date
19 of said election or such other date as may prescribed in said amendment.

1 B. Qualified voters of the City of St. Louis voting at said election shall vote a ballot
2 substantially in the following form:

3 PROPOSITION []

4 Instructions to voters: To vote in favor of the proposition submitted on this
5 ballot, place an [X] in the square opposite the word YES and to vote against the
6 proposition submitted on this ballot, place an [X] in the square opposite the word NO.

7 The proposed amendment shall appear on the ballot substantially, as follows:

8 Shall Section 2 of Article VIII of the City of St. Louis Charter, which requires
9 all officers and employees of the City of St. Louis to reside within the City's boundaries,
10 be amended to permit the employees of the City of St. Louis except for City agency and
11 department directors appointed by the Mayor to reside outside of the City's boundaries.

12 If you are in favor of the question, place an [X] in the box opposite YES.

13 If you are opposed to the question, place an [X] in the box opposite NO.

14 [] YES [] NO

15 **SECTION THREE.** The Board of Election Commissioners shall provide the ballots and or
16 voting machines, and conduct the election and shall ascertain and certify the result thereof
17 according to the law. If voting machines are used, the aforesaid "PROPOSITION" shall be
18 placed or posted on the said voting machines wherever said machines are used under the
19 direction of the Board of Election Commissioners for the City of St. Louis and according to
20 law.

21 **SECTION FOUR.** Upon the approval of this ordinance, it shall be published in the official
22 publication of the City of St. Louis, Missouri, The City Journal. Proof of said publication of
23 this ordinance shall be made by affidavit of the City Register, and such affidavit shall be filed
24 in the Office of the City Register and a copy of such publication shall be attached thereto.

1 **SECTION FIVE.** Upon the approval of this Charter revision, it shall be certified and deposited
2 as required by Article VI, Section 33 of the Constitution of Missouri and shall be filed in the
3 Office of the City Register.

4 **SECTION SIX.** This being an ordinance calling for an election for submission to the
5 people of a proposed amendment to the Charter of the City of St. Louis, it is hereby declared to
6 be an emergency measure and shall become effective immediately upon its passage and
7 approval by the Mayor pursuant to Article IV Sections 19 and 20 of the Charter or upon such
8 other date as may be prescribed in the amendment.