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4 An ordinance submitting to the qualified voters of the City of St. Louis two proposed
5 amendments to the Charter of the City of St. Louis amending Sections 29 and 30 of Article XV
6 of the Charter of the City of St. Louis relating to the competitive bidding procedure used by the
7 City of St. Louis to purchase or lease equipment, supplies, and materials; authorizing the City of
8 St. Louis to award contracts to the lowest responsible bidder rather than the lowest bidder on
9 contracts or purchase orders for city supplies, equipment and materials, providing for an election
10 to be held thereon; and for the manner of voting thereat and containing an emergency clause.

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

12 **SECTION ONE.** The following amendments to the Charter of the City of St. Louis are
13 hereby proposed and submitted to the voters of the City and to be voted upon at an election to be
14 held as hereinafter provided.

15 The said amendments are in words and figures as follows:

16 A. Section 29 of Article XV of the Charter of the City of St. Louis relating to the
17 procedure by which supplies, equipment and materials are leased and purchased is hereby
18 amended to read as follows:

19 **Section 29 How supplies, equipment and materials are leased and purchased.**

20 Supplies, equipment, and materials for all departments, boards or officers, exclusive of
21 material for public work or improvements, shall be purchased or leased only through the
22 Supply Division, according to such standards and specifications, if any, adopted or
23 prepared by the Board of Standardization, and by advertising for proposals therefore.
24 Bids may be for one or more or all the articles advertised for, but there shall be a specific
25 bid on each article. The award may be made to the lowest responsible bidder for any
26 article or to the lowest responsible bidder for the entire requisition or any part thereof;
27 but the Board of Standardization may reject any or all bids or any part of any bid. The
28 Supply Commissioner may contract for supplies, equipment and material in any amounts
29 or for any periods as may be approved by the Board of Standardization, and subject to the
30 provisions of this Charter. In cases of emergency, to be determined by said board,
31 purchases or leases may be made without advertising. Purchases or leases in amounts not

1 exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) under any one contract may be also made,
2 with the written approval of the Comptroller, without advertising, after securing
3 competitive bids, but there shall be no division of requisitions or contracts for the
4 purpose of securing this privilege. The Supply Commissioner shall inspect and receipt for
5 all supplies, equipment and material.

6 Supplies, equipment or material shall not be ordered or contracted for by the Supply
7 Division unless the Comptroller shall certify that a fund is applicable for payment
8 thereof.

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10 B. Section 30 of Article XV of the Charter of the City of St. Louis relating to public
11 printing and publishing of notices for the letting of contracts by the City of St. Louis is hereby
12 amended to read as follows:

13 **Section 30 Public printing and publishing.**

14 The supply commissioner shall have general supervision of the public printing and
15 publishing and shall see that it is executed as may be provided by ordinance, letting the
16 contract or contracts to the lowest responsible bidder in conformity with the provisions of
17 this article so far as they may be applicable. Until otherwise provided by ordinance, and
18 except in condemnation proceedings, all newspaper publishing shall be in two daily
19 newspapers, one in English and one in the German language. Provisions may be made by
20 ordinance for the city doing its own printing and publishing.

21 **SECTION TWO:** The foregoing proposed amendments to the Charter of the City of
22 St. Louis shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the City at the first primary or general
23 election at which it can lawfully be submitted and if said proposed amendments shall receive in
24 its favor the votes of three-fifths of the qualified voters voting at such election for or against said
25 proposed amendment such amendment shall be adopted and become a part of the Charter of the
26 City of St. Louis from the date of said election. Qualified voters of the City of St. Louis may at
27 the election aforesaid vote a ballot substantially in the following form:
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1 **OFFICIAL BALLOT**

2 **Instructions to Voters:**

3 To vote in favor of the proposition submitted upon this ballot, place an "X" in the
4 square opposite the word "YES" and to vote against any proposition submitted
5 upon this ballot, place an "X" in the square opposite the word "NO".

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

7 **Shall Section 29 of Article XV of the City Charter be amended to allow the**
8 **City of St. Louis to award contracts to the lowest responsible bidder rather**
9 **than the lowest bidder on contracts or purchase orders for city supplies,**
10 **equipment and materials? Such amended Section 29 to read as follows:**

11 **Section 29 How supplies, equipment and materials are leased and purchased.**

12 Supplies, equipment, and materials for all departments, boards or officers, exclusive of
13 material for public work or improvements, shall be purchased or leased only through the
14 Supply Division, according to such standards and specifications, if any, adopted or
15 prepared by the Board of Standardization, and by advertising for proposals therefore.
16 Bids may be for one or more or all the articles advertised for, but there shall be a specific
17 bid on each article. The award may be made to the lowest responsible bidder for any
18 article or to the lowest responsible bidder for the entire requisition or any part thereof;
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20 Supply Commissioner may contract for supplies, equipment and material in any amounts
21 or for any periods as may be approved by the Board of Standardization, and subject to the
22 provisions of this Charter. In cases of emergency, to be determined by said board,
23 purchases or leases may be made without advertising. Purchases or leases in amounts not
24 exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) under any one contract may be also made,
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26 competitive bids, but there shall be no division of requisitions or contracts for the
27 purpose of securing this privilege. The Supply Commissioner shall inspect and receipt for
28 all supplies, equipment and material.

29 Supplies, equipment or material shall not be ordered or contracted for by the Supply
30 Division unless the Comptroller shall certify that a fund is applicable for payment
31 thereof.
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3 **Shall Section 30 of Article XV of the City Charter be amended to allow the**
4 **City of St. Louis to publish notice of the letting of contract or contracts for**
5 **materials, or supplies to the lowest responsible bidder? Such amended**
6 **Section 30 to read as follows:**

7 **Section 30 Public printing and publishing.**

8 The supply commissioner shall have general supervision of the public printing and
9 publishing and shall see that it is executed as may be provided by ordinance, letting the
10 contract or contracts to the lowest responsible bidder in conformity with the provisions of
11 this article so far as they may be applicable. Until otherwise provided by ordinance, and
12 except in condemnation proceedings, all newspaper publishing shall be in at least two
13 daily newspapers, one in English and one in the German language. Provisions may be
14 made by ordinance for the city doing its own printing and publishing.
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16 **SECTION THREE.** The Board of Election Commissioners shall provide the ballots or
17 voting machines or both and conduct the election and shall ascertain and certify the result thereof
18 according to the law.

19 If voting machines are used, the aforesaid "OFFICIAL BALLOT" shall be placed or
20 posted on the said voting machines wherever said machines are used under the direction of the
21 Board of Election Commissioners for the City of St. Louis and according to law.

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

26 **SECTION FIVE.** Upon the approval of this charter amendment, it shall be certified and
27 deposited as required by Article VI, Section 33 of the Constitution of Missouri and shall be filed
28 in the office of the City Register.

SECTION SIX. 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.