

1 **BOARD BILL NO. 79 INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN STEPHEN GREGALI**

2 An ordinance submitting to the qualified voters of the City of St. Louis, a proposed amendment
3 to the Charter of the City of St. Louis by repealing existing Paragraph (a) of Section 15 of Article
4 XIII, and enacting a new Paragraph (a) of Section 15 of Article XIII, relating to The Department
5 of Public Safety; providing for an election to be held therefore and the manner of voting thereat;
6 revising Article XIII; and containing an emergency clause.

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

8 **SECTION ONE.** The following amendment to the Charter of the City of St. Louis is hereby
9 proposed and submitted to the voters of the City of St. Louis and shall be voted upon at an
10 election to be held as hereinafter provided. The said amendment is in words and figures as
11 follows:

12 Paragraph (a) of Section 15 of Article XIII of the Charter of the City of St. Louis relating to the
13 Department of Public Safety is hereby repealed, and enacted in lieu thereof is a new Paragraph
14 (a) of Section 15 which shall be and read as follows:

15 Section 15. The department of public safety shall include the following divisions:

16 (a) Division of police. When the city is permitted by law to establish and maintain a police
17 department, there shall be a division of police which shall manage, control, conduct the
18 police department, and take all proper steps for law enforcement, investigation and crime
19 prevention in accordance with and provided for under the Revised Statutes of the State of
20 Missouri and the Ordinances of the City of St. Louis. The head of the division shall be
21 known as police commissioner and shall be in charge of the department under such

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1 regulation as may be prescribed by ordinance and, with the approval of the director of
2 public safety, the commissioner may purchase or hire whatever may be required for the
3 good of the department with or without authority or appropriation by ordinance therefor.

4 The commissioner may appoint a chief from the ranks within the department for each
5 bureau of the department, whose duty shall be subject to the commissioner.

6 **SECTION TWO.** The foregoing proposed amendment to the Charter of the City of St. Louis
7 shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the City at the general election to be held on
8 the next general election, and if said proposed amendment shall receive in its favor the votes
9 of three-fifths of the qualified voters voting at such election for or against said proposed
10 amendment such amendment shall be adopted and become a part of the Charter of the City of St.
11 Louis from the date of said election. Qualified voters of the City of St. Louis may at the election
12 aforesaid vote a ballot substantially in he following form:

13 **OFFICIAL BALLOT**

14 Instructions to voters:

15 To vote in favor of the proposition submitted upon this ballot, place an "X" in the square
16 opposite the word "Yes" and to vote against any proposition submitted upon this ballot, place an
17 "X" in the square opposite the word "No."

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

19 Yes _____

20 No _____

21 Amendment to the City Charter

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1 Proposition to amend the Charter of the City of St. Louis to modify the language to put in place a
2 division of police as enabled by State Law, by repealing existing Paragraph (a) of Section 15 of
3 Article XIII and enacting a new Paragraph (a) of Section 15 of Article XIII relating to the
4 Department of Public Safety.

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

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

14 **SECTION FIVE.** Upon the approval of this charter amendment, it shall be certified and
15 deposited as required by Article VI, Section 33 of the Constitution of Missouri and shall be file
16 in the office of the City Register.

17 **SECTION SIX.** This being an ordinance calling for an election for submission to the people of
18 an amendment to the Charter of the City of St. Louis, it is hereby declared to be an emergency
19 measure and shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor
20 pursuant to Article IV Sections 19 and 20 of the Charter.

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