



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**July 14, 2008**

**Ordinance 16203**

**Proposed No.** 2008-0353.1

**Sponsors** Hague and Phillips

1                   AN ORDINANCE relating to the appointment process for  
2                   the King County citizens' elections oversight committee;  
3                   and amending Ordinance 15453, Section 3, and K.C.C.  
4                   2.53.021.

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6                   STATEMENT OF FACTS:

7                   1. On January 7, 2008, the King County Council passed Motion 12671  
8                   that, among other actions, changed the titles and responsibilities of the two  
9                   vice chairs of the county council.

10                  2. K.C.C. 2.53.021 requires that appointments to the citizens' elections  
11                  oversight committee be made jointly by the chair of the council and the  
12                  vice chair of council affairs.

13                  3. The position of vice chair of council affairs no longer exists as a vice  
14                  chair title for the council creating a need to change K.C.C. 2.53.021 in  
15                  order to make appointments and reappointments to the citizens' elections  
16                  oversight committee.

17                  BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

18            SECTION 1. Ordinance 15453, Section 3, and K.C.C. 2.53.021 are each hereby  
19 amended to read as follows:

20            A. The chair of the council and the (~~vice chair of council affairs~~) chair of the  
21 employment and administration committee shall solicit nominations for membership  
22 from all council members. The chair of the council and the (~~vice chair of council~~  
23 ~~affairs~~) chair of the employment and administration committee shall jointly appoint  
24 oversight committee members who are confirmed by motion to the committee.

25            B. Committee membership shall include:

26            1. One representative from a nonpartisan organization active in King County  
27 that evaluates candidates and ballot measures, such as the Municipal League;

28            2. One representative from a nonpartisan organization active in King County  
29 that provides elections information to the public, such as the League of Women Voters;

30            3. One representative of an independent research and policy institute; (~~and~~)

31            4. One representative from a junior taxing district;

32            5. One representative of the Chinese-speaking community;

33            6. Two King County registered voters who are not representatives of any of the  
34 groups listed in subsection B.1. through 5. and 7. through 12. of this section;

35            7. One representative from the King County Democratic Party;

36            8. One representative from the King County Republican Party;

37            9. One representative from the Washington state Democratic Party;

38            10. One representative from the Washington state Republican Party;

39            11. One ex officio, nonvoting representative from the Office of the Secretary of  
40 State; and

- 41           12. One ex officio, nonvoting representative from the Washington State  
42 Association of County Auditors;
- 43           C. All members should have:
- 44           1. A working knowledge of local or state government elections operations and  
45 management;
- 46           2. A strong commitment to an accountable, transparent, well-managed and  
47 efficient elections operation in King County; and
- 48           3. A willingness to commit the time necessary to attend committee meetings and  
49 activities.
- 50           D. Except for the member representing the Washington State Association of  
51 Auditors, a nominee or appointee to the committee shall not hold elective public office or  
52 be a candidate for election to public office, other than as a precinct committee officer.
- 53           E. Except for the ex officio members, members shall serve three-year terms.  
54 However, the representatives representing the groups under subsection B.6, 9. and 10. of  
55 this section appointed in 2006 initially shall serve one-year terms and the representative  
56 representing the group under subsection B.1, 2, 7. and 8. of this section appointed in 2006  
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58 initially shall serve a two-year term. Ex officio members serve at the pleasure of their  
59 office or association.

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Ordinance 16203 was introduced on 6/30/2008 and passed by the Metropolitan King  
County Council on 7/14/2008, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Ms. Patterson, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Constantine, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr.  
Ferguson, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Phillips and Ms. Hague

No: 0

Excused: 1 - Ms. Lambert

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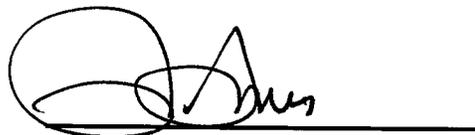
Julia Patterson, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 25 day of July, 2008.



Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments      None

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