

S.F. No. 1945, as introduced - 84th Legislative Session (2005-2006) Posted on Mar 23, 2005

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to local government; requiring a city council
1.3 to vote on charter commission recommendations for
1.4 charter amendments by ordinance; amending Minnesota
1.5 Statutes 2004, section 410.12, subdivision 7.
1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 410.12,
1.8 subdivision 7, is amended to read:
1.9 Subd. 7. [AMENDMENT BY ORDINANCE.] Upon recommendation of
1.10 the charter commission the city council may enact a charter
1.11 amendment by ordinance. ~~Such an~~ Within one month of receiving a
1.12 recommendation to amend the charter by ordinance, the city must
1.13 publish notice of a public hearing on the proposal and the
1.14 notice must contain the text of the proposed amendment. The
1.15 city council must hold the public hearing on the proposed
1.16 charter amendment at least two weeks but not more than one month
1.17 after the notice is published. Within one month of the public
1.18 hearing, the city council must vote on the proposed charter
1.19 amendment ordinance. The ordinance, if is enacted, shall be
1.20 adopted by the council by if it receives an affirmative vote of
1.21 all its members after a public hearing upon two weeks' published
1.22 notice containing the text of the proposed amendment of the city
1.23 council and shall be is approved by the mayor and published as
1.24 in the case of other ordinances. An ordinance amending a city
1.25 charter shall not become effective until 90 days after passage
2.1 and publication or at such later date as is fixed in the
2.2 ordinance. Within 60 days after passage and publication of such
2.3 an ordinance, a petition requesting a referendum on the
2.4 ordinance may be filed with the city clerk. Such petition shall
2.5 be signed by qualified voters equal in number to two percent of
2.6 the total number of votes cast in the city at the last state
2.7 general election or 2,000, whichever is less. If the city has a
2.8 system of permanent registration of voters, only registered
2.9 voters are eligible to sign the petition. If the requisite
2.10 petition is filed within the prescribed period, the ordinance
2.11 shall not become effective until it is approved by the voters as
2.12 in the case of charter amendments submitted by the charter
2.13 commission, the council, or by petition of the voters, except
2.14 that the council may submit the ordinance at any general or
2.15 special election held at least 60 days after submission of the
2.16 petition, or it may reconsider its action in adopting the
2.17 ordinance. As far as practicable the requirements of
2.18 subdivisions 1 to 3 apply to petitions submitted under this
2.19 section, to an ordinance amending a charter, and to the filing
2.20 of such ordinance when approved by the voters.