City of Minneapolis
Request for Committee Action

To: Elections & Rules

Date: 3/29/2016

Referral: Refer to a second committee.

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File type: Resolution

Subcategory

Subject:

 Precincts and Polling Places Designation Resolution

Description:

Passage of a Resolution approving the final list of precincts and polling places for use in the 2016 Presidential Primary and General Election in Minneapolis

Previous Actions:

None

Ward/Address:

Affected Wards are noted below.

Background/Analysis:

Following the 2014 Gubernatorial Election, a comprehensive assessment of all polling places was conducted.   The assessment revealed that seventeen sites now serve populations of more than 2,500 registered voters (the maximum recommended voter-to-precinct ratio identified by the Secretary of State). To better serve our voters, staff recommends an increase to the total number of precincts. Staff also recommends changes to a number of polling places in order to enhance capacity and accessibility, as well as to avoid sites involved in construction projects throughout 2016. Changes and additions outlined in the draft resolution will help to more effectively and efficiently process an increasingly larger electorate.   Proposed changes include: seven (7) new precincts in Wards 2, 9, 10, 12, and 13; seven (7) polling place relocations (five permanent, two for 2016 only) in Wards 3, 4, 5, 7, and 9; and one (1) change to the dividing line between Ward-Precinct 3-08 and 3-12. All changes would become effective on May 11, 2016, the statutory deadline for such changes.

Financial Review:

No additional appropriation required, amount included in current budget.

☒ **Future budget impact anticipated.**

      Estimated ongoing annual impact for operations at seven (7) additional precincts: **$54,600**

Attachments:

1. Draft resolution
2. Map illustrating new precinct boundaries