

the petition accompanying such ordinance his certificate of sufficiency, the board of aldermen shall call a special election, unless a general municipal election is fixed within ninety days thereafter, and at such special or general municipal election, if one is so fixed such ordinance shall be submitted without alteration to the vote of the electors of said city. But if the petition is signed by not less than ten nor more than twenty-five per centum of the electors as above defined, then the board of aldermen shall within twenty days, pass said ordinance without change or submit the same at the next general city election occurring not more than thirty days after the city register's certificate of sufficiency is attached to said petition. The ballots used when voting upon said ordinance shall state the nature of the proposed ordinance and shall contain the words "For the Ordinance" and "Against the Ordinance." If a majority of the qualified electors voting on the proposed ordinance shall vote in favor thereof, such ordinance shall thereupon become a valid and binding ordinance of the city; and any ordinance proposed by petition, or which shall be adopted by a vote of the people, cannot be repealed or amended except by a vote of the people. Any number of proposed ordinances may be voted upon at the same election, in accordance with the provisions of this section; but there shall not be more than one special election in any period of six months for such purpose. The board of aldermen may submit a proposition for the repeal of any such ordinance, or for amendments thereto, to be voted upon at any succeeding general city election, and should such proposition so submitted receive a majority of the votes cast thereon at such election, such ordinance shall thereby be repealed or amended accordingly. Whenever any ordinance or proposition is required by this act to be submitted to the voters of the city at any election, the city register shall cause such ordinance or proposition to be published once in each of the newspapers published in said city, such publication to be not more than twenty or less than five days before the submission of such proposition or ordinance to be voted upon.

SEC. 298. No ordinance passed by the board of aldermen, except when otherwise required by the general laws of the state or by the provisions of this act, except an ordinance for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety, which contains a statement of its urgency, shall go into effect before ten days from the time of its final passage; and if during the said ten days a petition signed by electors of the city equal in number to at least twenty-five per centum of the entire vote cast for all candidates for mayor at the last preceding