

*may be submitted at any time within 30 days, even if such submission is less than 60 days prior to the election at which it is to be voted on. All proposed amendments shall be advertised once a week for the two weeks next preceding the election at which they are to be voted on, in some newspaper of general circulation within the City of Takoma Park; provided that the Council may direct the publication of a summary instead of the full text of any proposed amendment containing over 1000 words. The full text of each proposed amendment shall be available for public inspection at the City office and at least two other public places in the City of Takoma Park, for two weeks immediately prior to the election. Except as provided in the two following sentences, each amendment receiving an affirmative vote of not less than three-fifths of those voting thereon shall be declared adopted and shall become a part of this Charter on the first day of the following month. If two or more amendments to the same provision of the Charter (whether an entire section or a specified portion of a section) each receive a three-fifths affirmative vote at the same election, only the one receiving the largest number of affirmative votes shall be declared adopted. The Council may direct that two or more proposals to add one or more new sections, or one or more new portions of an existing section, shall be treated as amendments to the same provision, for the purpose of the preceding sentence.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall not become effective unless and until it shall be approved by a majority of the registered voters of the City of Takoma Park voting thereon at the regular City election to be held in March, 1954. The question shall appear on the voting machines in the words "For Charter Amendment" and "Against Charter Amendment". If the number of votes cast "For Charter Amendment" is greater than the number of votes cast "Against Charter Amendment", the provisions of Section 104-33 (1324A) as set forth in Section 1 of this Act shall become effective April 1, 1954; otherwise those provisions shall not go into effect.*

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1953.*

Approved March 31, 1953.