

By Representatives Miller, Maygarden, Melvin and Benson

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the City of Pensacola,  
 3           Escambia County; amending section 4 of chapter  
 4           15425, Laws of Florida, 1931, as amended;  
 5           providing for clarification of the  
 6           qualifications for a candidate for election to  
 7           or appointment to fill a vacancy on the city  
 8           council; providing an effective date.

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 10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 12           Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
 13           4 of chapter 15425, Laws of Florida, 1931, as amended by  
 14           subsequent Laws of Florida and ordinances of the City of  
 15           Pensacola, is amended to read:

16           Section 4. CREATION AND COMPOSITION OF CITY COUNCIL.--

17           (1) Establishment of city council and qualifications  
 18           of members.--

19           (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Charter, all  
 20           powers of the city shall be vested in a council of ten (10)  
 21           members. Seven (7) of these members shall be elected from  
 22           seven (7) single-member districts. Each candidate shall be a  
 23           resident and a registered ~~qualified~~ voter within the district  
 24           from which the candidate seeks to be elected for a period of  
 25           not less than six (6) months prior to the date the candidate  
 26           qualifies to run for office or, in the case of a candidate for  
 27           appointment to fill a vacancy in office, shall be a resident  
 28           and a registered voter within the district for a period of not  
 29           less than six (6) months prior to the date of appointment.

30           The remaining three (3) members of the city council, one of  
 31           whom shall be elected as mayor, shall be elected at large

1 throughout the city. Each candidate for election, or for  
2 appointment to fill a vacancy in office,for one of the three  
3 (3) at-large seats shall be a resident and a registered  
4 ~~qualified~~ voter of the City of Pensacola, Florida, for the  
5 aforesaid period.

6 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
7 law.

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