



Legislation Text

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Resolution to Establish May 22, 2010 as the Caucus Date of the Ann Arbor Libertarian Party for the Purpose of Nominating Candidates for the November 2, 2010 General Election Ballot

On April 19, 2010, the Ann Arbor caucus of the Libertarian Party sent a letter to the City Clerk's Office requesting that City Council set the date for the Libertarian Party caucus for May 22, 2010. By law, minor party candidates are nominated through a caucus process, as opposed to the Primary Election used by the major parties. The candidates nominated by minor parties through the caucus process will appear on the November 2, 2010 General Election ballot. The proposed date of May 22 by the Libertarian Party is in conjunction with the State Libertarian Party's Nominating Convention that will be held in Okemos, Michigan.

Michigan Election Law (MCL 168.646a) states that minor party caucus dates must be set by the local legislative body at least 20 days prior to the caucus. Council's approval of this resolution to establish May 22, 2010 as the Libertarian Party of Ann Arbor caucus is requested in order to comply with election law.

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Approved by: Roger W. Fraser, City Administrator

Whereas, The attached letter from the Libertarian Party of Washtenaw County indicates the Party's desire to hold their caucus for the November 2, 2010 General Election on Saturday, May 22, 2010 in conjunction with their State Nominating Convention in Okemos, Michigan;

Whereas, Michigan Election law (MCL 168.646a) states that the local legislative body must set the date for nominating minor party candidates by caucus at least 20 days prior to the caucus date; and

Whereas, The date set for minor party caucuses must be no later than the date of the Primary Election, Tuesday, August 3, 2010;

RESOLVED, That City Council establish Saturday, May 22, 2010 in Okemos, Michigan in conjunction with the State Libertarian Party Nominating Convention as the official date and place of the Caucus of the Ann Arbor Libertarian Party for the purpose of nominating candidates for city offices to be placed on the ballot for the November 2, 2010 General Election.