RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL DECLARE A SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY FOR REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GENERAL COURT FROM DISTRICT 31 (WARD 4)

CITY OF NASHUA

In the Year Two Thousand and Twelve

RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Nashua that

WHEREAS a vacancy exists in the representation to the General Court from District 31 (Ward 4):

NOW THEREFORE since such a vacancy has occurred, the Nashua Board of Aldermen requests that the Governor and Council declare that there shall be a special election for the purpose of electing a Representative to the General Court in accordance with R.S.A. 655:81 and R.S.A. 655:82.
LEGISLATIVE YEAR 2012

RESOLUTION: R-12-082

PURPOSE: Requesting the Governor and Council declare a special election to fill a vacancy for representative to the general court from District 31 (Ward 4)

ENDORSERS: Mayor Donnalee Lozeau
Alderman-at-Large Brian S. McCarthy

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT:

FISCAL NOTE: Cost estimate, per election*:
07.1.565 – 51500, Wages Elected Officials: $1975
07.1.565 – 55607, Postage & Delivery: $ 50
07.1.565 – 61299, Miscellaneous Supplies: $ 150
Total: $2175

*RSA 655:82, Uncontested Primary. In the event that no party has more than one candidate file, the primary election shall not be conducted.

ANALYSIS
The following information was provided by the City Clerk:

Stacie Laughton has submitted a statement of intent not to serve her term in the NH House of Representatives, representing Ward 4, for 2013 – 2014. In order for a special election to be scheduled, the Board of Aldermen will need to request that the Governor and Council schedule a special election. Once the Governor and Council declare that there will be a special election, it will be held within 110 – 124 days of the date of their meeting. The date of the primary will be 63 days prior to the general election. If only one candidate files for office in each party, the date of the general election will be moved up to the date of the primary election, since no primary election would be needed to select the party’s nominee.

The Governor and Council have a meeting scheduled for December 19. If they were to receive the Board’s request for a special election by that date, the general election would be held on April 9 or April 16. The filing period would occur December 24 (at the Secretary of State’s Office) and December 26 – 28 at the City Clerk’s Office. The primary election would be held on either February 5 (if an April 9 general election) or February 12 (if an April 16 general election).

If the Board wishes to request a special election at this time, this legislation should be passed under suspension of the rules at the Board’s meeting on December 11 so that it may be forwarded to Concord and added to the Governor and Council’s agenda for December 19.

Approved as to form: Office of Corporation Counsel
By: [Signature]
Date: December 4, 2012
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IN THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

1ST READING DECEMBER 11, 2012

Referred to:

2nd Reading DECEMBER 11, 2012

3rd Reading

4th Reading

Other Action

Passed DECEMBER 11, 2012

Indefinitely Postponed

Defeated

Attest: [Signature]

President

Approved [Signature]

Mayor's Signature DECEMBER 13, 2012

Endorsed by:

MAYOR

McCarthy

Craffey

Vitale

Pressly

Deane

Sheehan

Tabacsko

Donchess

Caron

Melizzi-Golja

Wilshire

Vetoed:

Veto Sustained:

Veto Overridden:

Attest: [Signature]

City Clerk

President

Date