



RESOLUTION

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CHARTER RELATIVE TO THE DATES FOR SUBMISSION AND ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET

CITY OF NASHUA

In the Year Two Thousand and Four

RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Nashua that pursuant to RSA 49-B:5, the following amendment to the Nashua City Charter is deemed necessary and shall be submitted to the voters by placing it on the ballot at the next regular City election in the manner required by NH RSA 49-B with the following summary:

Shall the municipality approve the charter amendment summarized below?

The charter amendment would change the latest date for the mayor's submission of the annual budget to the board of aldermen from June 1 to February 1 and the latest date for adoption of an annual budget from August 1 to April 1. The July-June fiscal year would not change.

Amend the City Charter by deleting the struck-through language and adding new language in italics as follows:

§ 56. Annual budget and estimates

The municipal budget shall be prepared by the mayor with the assistance of the officer exercising the control function provided for in section 50-b. At such time as may be requested by the mayor or specified by the administrative code, each officer or director of a department shall submit an itemized estimate of the expenditures for the next fiscal year for the department or activities under his control. The mayor shall submit the proposed budget to the board of aldermen ~~at least one month before the start of the fiscal year of the budget~~ *or before February 1 for the ensuing fiscal year.*

§ 56-b. [Changes in budget items]

The board of aldermen may reduce any item or items in the mayor's budget by a vote of a majority of the board, but an increase in or addition of any item or items therein shall become effective only upon an affirmative vote of ten members of the board of aldermen. The budget shall be finally adopted not later than ~~the first day of the second month of the~~ *April 1 for the ensuing* fiscal year.

This amendment shall be effective upon passage by the voters.