



Proposition D

This is the fourth of twelve proposed Propositions to amend the City of Brenham's Home Rule Charter which will be considered by the voters in the May 3, 2025 Special Election.

What you will see on the ballot:

PROPOSITION D

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YES

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NO

Shall Article III, Section 6 of the Brenham City Charter be amended by clarifying the qualifications necessary to hold the office of Mayor and Councilmember; clarifying that any Mayor or Councilmember that ceases to possess any of the required qualifications shall automatically forfeit his office; and deleting provisions related to conflicts of interest?

Why is this Proposition on the ballot?

Proposition D will amend the Brenham City Charter by clarifying the qualifications necessary to hold the office of Mayor or Councilmember. This Proposition will mandate that if the Mayor or any Councilmember fail to possess any of the required qualifications, they will automatically forfeit their office.

This Proposition also relocates language related to conflicts of interest from this section into another section of the Charter (see Proposition J).

How will this Proposition change the Charter?

ARTICLE III. THE CITY COUNCIL

Sec. 6. – Qualifications to hold office of mayor and councilmembers ~~and other officers and employees; conflict of interests.~~

The Mayor and each Councilmember shall be a resident citizens of the City of Brenham, be a qualified voter~~have the qualifications of electors therein~~, be of a minimum age of twenty-one (21) when elected, and shall have been resident citizens of the City of Brenham and any ward they may represent for a period of twelve (12) months immediately preceding such election. Any such officer of the City who shall cease to possess any of the qualifications herein required shall automatically forfeit his office.~~The Mayor, Councilmembers and other officers and employees shall not be interested in the profits or emoluments of any contract, job, work or service for the municipality, or interested in the sale to the City of any supplies, equipment, material, or articles purchased. Any officer or employee of the City who shall cease to possess any of the qualifications herein required shall forthwith and ipso facto forfeit his office, and any such contract in which any officer or employee is or may become interested may be declared void by the City Council.~~

What does it mean to vote **YES** on this Proposition?

If you vote **YES** on this proposition, you are voting to amend the Brenham City Charter to read as follows:

ARTICLE III. THE CITY COUNCIL

Sec. 6. – Qualifications to hold office of mayor and councilmember.

The Mayor and each Councilmember shall be a resident citizen of the City of Brenham, be a qualified voter, be of a minimum age of twenty-one (21) when elected, and shall have been resident citizens of the City of Brenham and any ward they may represent for a period of twelve (12) months immediately preceding such election. Any such officer of the City who shall cease to possess any of the qualifications herein required shall automatically forfeit his office.

What does it mean to vote **NO on this Proposition?**

If you vote **NO** on this proposition, you are voting to keep the Brenham City Charter as it is currently worded:

ARTICLE III. THE CITY COUNCIL

Sec. 6. - Qualifications to hold office of mayor, councilmembers and other officers and employees; conflict of interests.

The Mayor and each Councilmember shall be resident citizens of the City of Brenham, have the qualifications of electors therein, be of a minimum age of twenty-one (21) when elected, and shall have been resident citizens of the City of Brenham and any ward they may represent for a period of twelve (12) months immediately preceding such election. The Mayor, Councilmembers and other officers and employees shall not be interested in the profits or emoluments of any contract, job, work or service for the municipality, or interested in the sale to the City of any supplies, equipment, material, or articles purchased. Any officer or employee of the City who shall cease to possess any of the qualifications herein required shall forthwith and ipso facto forfeit his office, and any such contract in which any officer or employee is or may become interested may be declared void by the City Council.

What is the budget impact of this Proposition?

There is no budget impact if Proposition D is approved.