

# **Proposition G**

This is the seventh 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:

| YES  | Shall Article III, Section 10 of the Brenham City Charter be amended by |
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|      | providing that all City Council runoff elections shall be held in       |
| □ NO | accordance with applicable law?   |

**PROPOSITION** G

### Why is this Proposition on the ballot?

Proposition G clarifies that all runoff elections will be held in accordance with applicable laws.

## How will this Proposition change the Charter?

#### ARTICLE III. THE CITY COUNCIL

Sec. 10. – Runoff elections.

In the event any candidate for the Council (including the Mayor) fails to receive, at any regular or special election, a majority of all votes cast for his particular office, the Mayor or, if he fails to do so, the Council shall no later than the fifth day following the official canvas of the election order a runoff election to be held within thirty (30) days of said canvass in accordance with applicable law.

At said runoff election the two (2) candidates that received the highest number of votes cast for such particular office in the first election, at which no one was elected to such office by receiving a majority of all votes cast for all candidates for such particular office, shall be voted on again.

The candidate who receives the majority of the votes cast for the particular office in the runoff election shall be elected to such office and shall take office as soon thereafter as he is qualified.

In runoffs for the office of Mayor or Councilmembers elected at large, the registered voters of the City as a whole shall vote. In runoffs of Councilmembers for single wards, being any of the Councilmembers from Ward One, Ward Two, Ward Three or Ward Four, only those registered voters in the particular ward shall vote in the runoff election for that particular position.

## 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:

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Sec. 10. – Runoff elections.

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At said runoff election the two (2) candidates that received the highest number of votes cast for such particular office in the first election, at which no one was elected to such office by receiving a majority of all votes cast for all candidates for such particular office, shall be voted on again.

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## 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:

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At said runoff election the two (2) candidates that received the highest number of votes cast for such particular office in the first election, at which no one was elected to such office by receiving a majority of all votes cast for all candidates for such particular office, shall be voted on again.

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### What is the budget impact of this Proposition?

There is no budget impact if Proposition G is approved.