

FINANCE COMMITTEE

13-0528R

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE STATE LEGISLATURE AMEND ELECTION LAW TO PROVIDE A PROCESS FOR A CANDIDATE IN A NON-PARTISAN ELECTION TO WITHDRAW AND REMOVE THEIR NAME FROM THE BALLOT.

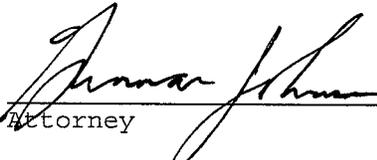
BY COUNCILOR HARTMAN:

WHEREAS, under current Minnesota election law a candidate in a non-partisan election can only withdraw up to two days following the conclusion of the candidate filing period; and

WHEREAS, the city council believes it is in the best interests of the citizens of Duluth to allow a candidate in a non-partisan election to withdraw from the election and remove their name from the ballot prior to the general election.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the city council hereby requests the state legislature amend Minnesota election law to provide a process for a candidate in a non-partisan election to withdraw their candidacy and remove their name from the ballot no later than 16 days before the general election.

Approved as to form:



Attorney

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution requests the state legislature amend Minnesota election law to provide a process for a candidate in a non-partisan election to withdraw their candidacy.