

ORDINANCE NO. 3693

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Chapter 1 (SCHOOL DISTRICT AND ELECTED SCHOOL BOARD) of Title 12 (EDUCATION, SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELFARE) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, to provide for the election of the Alexandria school board.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Chapter 1 of Title 12 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 12-1-1 City as single school division.

The city shall constitute a single school division.

Sec. 12-1-2 Members of school board.

The school board of the city shall consist of nine members to be elected by the qualified voters of the city in accordance with the provisions of this chapter and title 22.4 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

Sec. 12-1-3 Continuing body.

The school board shall be a continuing body. No measure pending before it shall abate or be discontinued solely because of the expiration of the term of office of, or the removal from office of, one or more members of the board.

Sec. 12-1-4 Election of school board members; date and manner of election.

(a) The election of all nine school board members shall be held on the first Tuesday in May, beginning in May 1994, and on the first Tuesday in May every third year thereafter.

(b) The nine members of the school board shall be elected, in accordance with subsection (c), by the qualified voters residing in the school board election districts. To be eligible to be a candidate for election from a school board election district, an individual must be a resident of the district.

(c) The city shall be divided into three school board election districts, District A, District B and District C. Three school board members shall be elected from and shall represent each such district. The three districts shall be composed of the following precincts (or, as identified in title 2 of this code, "election districts") located within the city, the boundaries of which are described in section 2-2-10.

(i) District A shall be composed of the Lyles Crouch School, City Hall, Annie B. Rose House, Jefferson Houston, Lee Center, George Washington School, Cora Kelly Center and Mt. Vernon School precincts;

(ii) District B shall be composed of the Maury School, George Mason School, Agudas Achim Congregation, Blessed Sacrament Church, Second Presbyterian Church, Minnie Howard School, Temple Beth El, John Tyler Building and Southern Towers precincts; and

(iii) District C shall be composed of the James K. Polk, Patrick Henry School, Landmark Center, Trade Center, William Ramsay School and John Adams School precincts.

Sec. 12-1-5 Term of office.

Each member of the school board shall serve for a term of three years commencing on July 1 following the member's election or until a successor shall have been elected and taken office.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall become effective upon the date and at the time of its final passage; provided, however, that no election of school board members shall take place until this ordinance and the regulations it establishes for the election of school board members shall have been submitted to the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, and no objection thereto shall have been interposed within the time allotted by law.

PATRICIA S. TICER
Mayor

Final Passage: December 16, 1993