

ORDINANCE NO. 4263

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 12-1-4 (ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS; DATE AND MANNER OF ELECTION), of Chapter 1 (SCHOOL DISTRICT AND SCHOOL BOARD), Title 12 (EDUCATION, SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELFARE) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 12-1-4 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. 12-1-4 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, Ladrey Senior Building, Jefferson Houston School, Fire Department Headquarters, Lee Center, George Washington School, Cora Kelly Center and Mt. Vernon Recreation Center 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, Northern Virginia Community College Arts Center and James K. Polk School precincts; and

(iii) District C shall be composed of the Patrick Henry School, Samuel Tucker School, Charles E. Beatley, Jr., Central Library, John Adams School, William Ramsey Recreation Center and South Port precincts.

(d) The boundaries between District A, District B and District C established by the precincts as constituted on June 25, 2002 shall not be changed or amended by subsequent changes or amendments to the precincts, unless expressly provided in the ordinance adopting such changes or amendments to the precincts.

Section 2. That the school board election districts established by this ordinance shall apply in any special election required to fill a vacancy on the school board which may occur

prior to the May 2003 general election, and any such special election shall be conducted in the district which most closely resembles the district from which the member to be replaced was elected.

Section 3. No provision of this ordinance shall operate to affect or curtail the term of any member of the school board in office on June 25, 2002.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall become effective upon the date and at the time of its final passage; provided, however, that the changes in the School Board Election Districts herein made shall not be implemented until the changes are first submitted to the Attorney General of the United States and no objection is interposed within 60 days of the submission, as required pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

KERRY J. DONLEY
Mayor

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