

House Bill No. 937

An act relating to the City of Pensacola, Escambia County; amending section 4 of chapter 15425, Laws of Florida, 1931, as amended; providing for clarification of the qualifications for a candidate for election to or appointment to fill a vacancy on the city council; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 4 of chapter 15425, Laws of Florida, 1931, as amended by subsequent Laws of Florida and ordinances of the City of Pensacola, is amended to read:

Section 4. CREATION AND COMPOSITION OF CITY COUNCIL.—

(1) Establishment of city council and qualifications of members.—

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this Charter, all powers of the city shall be vested in a council of ten (10) members. Seven (7) of these members shall be elected from seven (7) single-member districts. Each candidate shall be a resident ~~and a registered qualified voter~~ within the district from which the candidate seeks to be elected for a period of not less than six (6) months prior to the date the candidate qualifies to run for office or, in the case of a candidate for appointment to fill a vacancy in office, shall be a resident and a registered voter within the district for a period of not less than six (6) months prior to the date of appointment. The remaining three (3) members of the city council, one of whom shall be elected as mayor, shall be elected at large throughout the city. Each candidate for election, or for appointment to fill a vacancy in office, for one of the three (3) at-large seats shall be a resident ~~and a registered qualified voter~~ of the City of Pensacola, Florida, for the aforesaid period.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor June 8, 2001.

Filed in Office Secretary of State June 8, 2001.