

The ballot question was as follows¹:

- Transitions city council from seven members elected at-large to nine members elected from districts by the electors of the city.
- Provides for the foregoing transition in 2023; and maintains staggered terms for council elections as part of the transition.
- Requires council to hold at least one public hearing prior to filling any vacancy on council; requires that vacancies be filled by a person living in the district from which a vacancy occurs; expands from 30 to 45 days the time council has to fill a vacancy; and requires council to establish, in the administrative code, the procedure for filling vacancies.
- Establishes an independent, citizen-led five-member districting commission to draft proposed council districts, with four members appointed by a 2/3 vote of council and the fifth member, who serves as chair, jointly appointed by the mayor and council president.
- Bans city employees, elected officials, candidates, and lobbyists from serving on the districting commission; and requires that members be registered electors in Columbus.
- Tasks the districting commission with drawing three council district plans and submitting them to council within nine months.
- Establishes the criteria for drawing council districts, including, but not limited to, compliance with local, state and federal laws and constitutions, including the Voting Rights Act; roughly equal population; contiguous boundaries; geographic compactness, where practicable; maintaining neighborhoods and communities of interest, where practicable; using existing boundaries, like roadways, election precincts, and existing district, where practicable; and prohibiting the drawing of districts to favor or disfavor any political group.
- Requires the districting commission to make at least three council district plans available for public inspection and comment no less than 30 days prior to approval and submission to Council.
- Provides for members of the public to submit plans for consideration by the commission.
- Directs the districting commission to hold at least nine public meetings in nine different areas of the city.
- Requires council to vote for one of the three plans by the end of the year it was submitted; and states council may not amend any plan, except to comply with specific legal requirements, or to address changes in municipal boundaries due to annexation.
- Updates the votes necessary for council actions after the transition from seven to nine members.

¹[https://ballotpedia.org/Columbus,_Ohio,_Issue_3,_Local_Government_Structure_Charter_Amendment_\(May_2018\)#cite_ref-quotedisclaimer_2-0](https://ballotpedia.org/Columbus,_Ohio,_Issue_3,_Local_Government_Structure_Charter_Amendment_(May_2018)#cite_ref-quotedisclaimer_2-0)



CITIZENS' COMMISSION
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Issue 3 Ballot Summary

- That amendments to Secs. 41-3 (Nomination of municipal officers) and 41-5 (Election of municipal officers) shall go into effect and be in force from and after January 1, 2023.
- That amendments to Secs. 17 (Legislative procedure), 18 ([Action on ordinances or resolution]), 20 ([Reading procedure]), 22 (Emergency measures), 173 (Hearing on objection), 193 (Period of grants), and 236 (Charter Review Commission) shall go into effect and be in force from and after January 1, 2024.
- That all other amendments listed herein shall go into effect and be in force from and after completion of the official canvass of the election.