



# Shelby County Election Commission

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## REFERENDUM ADDED TO NOVEMBER BALLOT

Sept. 11, 2018 (Memphis, Tenn.) During a special meeting of the Shelby County Election Commission (SCEC) held August 31, Linda Phillips, administrator of elections, presented the commission with an Order from the Memphis City Council to add a Referendum to the Nov. 6 ballot.

The Referendum contains three questions for voters to consider. All of them are addressing amendments to the Charter of the City of Memphis. One pertains to expanding the term limits for the mayor and city council members from two to three terms. The other two are related to run-off voting. They are as follows:

**Question 1: Shall the Charter of the City of Memphis, Tennessee be amended to provide that no person shall be eligible to hold or be elected to the office of Mayor or City Council if any such person has served at any time more than three (3) consecutive four-year terms, except that service by persons elected or appointed to fill an unexpired four-year term shall not be counted as a full four-year term?**

**Question 2: Shall the Charter of the City of Memphis, Tennessee be amended to repeal Instant Runoff Voting and to restore the election process used prior to the 2008 Amendment for all City offices, and expressly retaining the 1991 Federal Ruling for persons elected to the Memphis City Council single-districts?**

**Question 3: Shall the Charter of the City of Memphis, Tennessee be amended to provide that in any municipal election held as required by law, the candidate receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared the winner, thereby eliminating run-off elections?**

The Order was signed and delivered to the SCEC office on August 23, the deadline for adding an item to the ballot.

“All three of these are yes or no questions. Voters are urged to read each question carefully before voting on it. This may slow down the voting process, but only marginally,” Phillips said.

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