83A.050 General election laws to govern election of city officers unless changed by ordinance.

(1) Election of city officers shall be governed by general election laws as provided in KRS Chapters 116 through 121 unless the city legislative body prescribes by ordinance that election of city officers shall be under nonpartisan city election laws as provided in KRS 83A.045, 83A.170, 83A.175 and 83A.047. The ordinance shall become effective not later than twenty-three (23) days prior to the date prescribed by the election law generally for filing notification and declaration forms with the county clerk in a year in which a regular election is to be held in which any city office is to be filled. Immediately subsequent to publication of any ordinance prescribing that election of city officers be under nonpartisan city election laws, a copy of that ordinance shall be filed with the county clerk of the county in which the city is located. City officers of each city of the second class operating under the city manager form of government pursuant to KRS 83A.150 shall be elected in nonpartisan elections as provided in KRS 83A.045, 83A.170, 83A.175, and 83A.047.

(2) A city may change the manner of election of city officers within the provisions of subsection (1) of this section by ordinance, except that no change shall be made earlier than five (5) years from the last change.

(3) The city shall pay the costs of city elections only if city elections are held at a time other than prescribed by KRS Chapters 116 to 121.

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