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2 AN ORDINANCE proposing an amendment to the King
3 County Charter to allow the council to remove elected
4 officials from office in certain circumstances; adding a new
5 section 671 to the King County Charter; and submitting the
6 same to the voters of the county for their ratification or
7 rejection at the next general election to be held in this
8 county occurring more than forty-five days after the
9 enactment of this ordinance.

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11 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

12 SECTION 1. There shall be submitted to the qualified voters of King County for
13 their approval and ratification or rejection, at the next general election to be held in this
14 county occurring more than forty-five days after the enactment of this ordinance, the
15 addition of a new Section 671 to the King County Charter, to read as follows:

16 **Section 671. Removal by the council of an officer holding elective county**
17 **office.**

18 Any officer holding an elective county office may be removed from office, and
19 the office shall be deemed vacant, when is the council determines, and an ordinance with
20 that determination is approved by an affirmative vote of at least seven councilmembers,
21 that the officer has committed an act or acts of malfeasance or misfeasance while in

22 office or has violated the officer's oath of office. A councilmember shall not vote on the
23 councilmember's own removal. The council shall provide the officer with due notice
24 setting forth the charges upon which the proposed removal is based and indicating the
25 time and place of the council's consideration. The officer has the right to be present, to
26 be assisted by legal counsel, to offer evidence and to be heard in the officer's own
27 defense. The council shall adopt by ordinance rules of procedure governing the time,
28 place and conduct of hearings held under this section. An ordinance directing removal is
29 not subject to the veto power of the county executive or to referendum.

30 SECTION 2. The clerk of the council shall certify the proposition to the manager
31 of the elections division, in substantially the following form, with such additions,
32 deletions or modifications as may be required by the prosecuting attorney:

33 Shall the King County Charter be amended to allow the council to remove
34 elected officials from office in certain circumstances?