

ORDINANCE NO. 148

NONPARTISAN ELECTIONS

An ordinance to establish nonpartisan elections for the election of village officials in the Village of Decatur pursuant to section 3 (1) and (2), chapter III of 1895 PA 3, as amended. (MCL63.3 and MSA 5.1232)

THE VILLAGE OF DECATUR ORDAINS:

Section 1. Nonpartisan elections.

As authorized by section 3 (1) and (2) chapter III of 1895 PA 3, as amended, (MCL63.3 and MSA5.1232) village elections in the Village of Decatur shall hereafter be nonpartisan.

Section 2. Commencement.

This ordinance shall apply beginning with the first village election for which the nomination deadline is not less than 30 days after the effective date of this ordinance.

Section 3. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect forty-five (45) days after the date of its adoption, unless a petition signed by not less than ten percent of the registered electors of the village is filed with the village clerk or village office within such 45 days.

If a petition is filed within such period of time, this ordinance shall then take effect only upon its approval at the next general village election or special village election held on the question of whether the ordinance shall be approved. Notice of the delayed effect of the same time and in the same manner as the ordinance or a notice of the ordinance is published in a local newspaper of general circulation.

Section 4. Adoption.

This ordinance shall be adopted by an affirmative vote of a least two-thirds of the members of the village council.

Section 5. Publication.

The village clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance and cause the same to be published as required by law.

Adopted: July 1, 2002