

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 4904 as follows:

1.2 Page 1, delete section 2 and insert:

1.3 "Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 412.02, is amended by adding a subdivision to
1.4 read:

1.5 Subd. 7. **Wards.** (a) A city may adopt an ordinance to elect its city council members by
1.6 ward in the following circumstances:

1.7 (1) if the ordinance is submitted to the voters of the city for approval at a regular or
1.8 special election, and the ordinance is adopted at least 180 days before that election; or

1.9 (2) when approved or ordered to do so by a court of competent jurisdiction acting in
1.10 response to a challenge to the city's method of conducting elections.

1.11 (b) If the city is petitioned by at least 15 percent of the electors voting at the last previous
1.12 city election asking that the question of city council member election by ward be put to the
1.13 voters of the city, the city must adopt an ordinance for that purpose and submit the ordinance
1.14 to the voters of the city for approval at a regular or special election.

1.15 (c) An ordinance must designate the boundaries of the wards. The ordinance must also
1.16 state whether the city will otherwise operate as a statutory standard plan city or statutory
1.17 optional plan city, subject to voter approval as may be required under this chapter. If
1.18 submitted to the voters by ballot question, the ordinance shall go into effect at the next
1.19 regular city election if it is approved by a majority of those voting on the question. Except
1.20 as provided by this subdivision, section 205.10 applies to a ballot question submitted to the
1.21 voters at a special election under this subdivision.

1.22 (d) A city that elects its council members by ward is subject to the requirements of
1.23 sections 204B.135 and 205.84.

2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment."