

Proposal No. 4 – Abolishing Liquor Adjudication Board

Abolish the Liquor Control Adjudication Board and Transfer Its Function to the Liquor Control Commission

TEXT OF THE AMENDMENT (New material underscored, deleted material bracketed)

**ARTICLE 8
CHAPTER 13
DEPARTMENT OF LIQUOR CONTROL**

Section 8-13.1. Organization. There shall be a department of liquor control consisting of a liquor control commission, ~~[a liquor control adjudication board,]~~ a director of liquor control, and the necessary staff.

Section 8-13.2. Liquor Control Commission. The liquor control commission shall consist of nine members appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council.

The liquor control commission shall:

1. Prepare and submit a request for an annual appropriation for the operation of the department.
2. Adopt rules having the force and effect of law for the administration of liquor control in the county and to carry out provisions of the liquor control laws of the State, including, but not limited to, the fixing of liquor license fees.
3. Grant, renew or refuse applications for licenses for the manufacture, importation and sale of liquor in the county under applicable laws and regulations.
4. ~~[Have such other powers and duties as may be provided by law not in conflict with the provisions of this section.]~~

~~**Section 8-13.3. Liquor Control Adjudication Board.** The liquor control adjudication board shall consist of nine members appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council. The liquor control adjudication board shall~~ Hear and determine administrative complaints of the director regarding violations of the liquor control laws of the State or of rules of the liquor control commission, and impose penalties for violations thereof as may be provided by law.

5. Have such other powers and duties as may be provided by law not in conflict with the provisions of this section.

Section 8-13.4. Director of the Department of Liquor Control. The director of the department of liquor control shall be appointed and may be removed by the liquor control commission. The director of the department of liquor control shall have had a minimum of five years of experience in law enforcement, at least three of which shall have been in an administrative capacity.

Section 8.13.5. Powers, Duties and Functions. The director of liquor control shall:

1. Be the administrative head of the department of liquor control.
2. Investigate violations of the liquor control laws of the State and of rules established by the liquor control commission.
3. Investigate applications for liquor licenses.
4. Have such other powers and duties as may be assigned by the mayor or as may be provided by law.

QUESTION TO VOTERS

“Shall the Liquor Control Adjudication Board be abolished and its function to the Liquor Control Commission?”