

# **Bond Case Briefs**

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## **BALLOT INITIATIVE - OHIO**

### **State ex rel. Rhoads v. Hamilton County Board of Elections**

**Supreme Court of Ohio - September 16, 2021 - N.E.3d - 2021 WL 4204309 - 2021-Ohi-3209**

Relators sought writ of mandamus compelling county board of elections to change ballot language for proposed amendment to city charter.

The Supreme Court held that:

- Board properly summarized amendment language regarding approval of litigation on behalf of city and its officials;
- Board properly summarized amendment language regarding compensation of city-council members;
- Board properly summarized amendment language regarding residency requirements for mayor;
- Board would be directed to use as ballot language the actual text of amendment regarding how vacancies on city council were to be filled;
- Board properly summarized amendment language regarding notice of vacant city-council seats;
- Board properly summarized amendment language regarding personal liability of mayor and city-council members; and
- Board properly summarized amendment language regarding removal of mayor from office.

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