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Houston voters in November will consider whether the city should offer health and other benefits to same-sex partners of

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The Houston City Council on Wednesday approved for the Nov. 6 ballot a referendum that, passed, would prohibit the city from providing same-sex

The city doesn't offer those enefits now, but had been considering changing its benefits

policy to include them. The council approved the ballot addition by a 9-5 vote after City Secretary Anna concentrat Russell validated enough signatures on petitions to call for a vote. Petitioner Dave Wilson, who opposes offering samegather 21,028 signatures on those petitions.

City law requires 20,000 valid signatures from registered voters in Houston to force a vote on a change to the city charter.

Councilwoman Annise Parker, the city's only openly gay elected official, voted against adding the referendum to the ballot, claiming that Russell missed errors or irregularities on 1,101 signatures.

Parker said those errors included signatures from people who died before 2001 or lived outside the city limits.

'This indicates a huge and gaping hole that leads to fraud in this (petition drive), and I think it's clear that happened

Houston Chronicle Thursday's editions.

Mayor Lee Brown said he intends to oppose the referendum and that authorities should investigate any possible fraud. Harris County District Attorney Chuck Rosenthal said his office would investigate if a complaint is filed.

Wilson said he knew of no problems with the petitions or

Houston voters in 1985 nullified a nondiscrimination ordinance approved by the council. Earlier this year, the council approved a similar ordinance protecting gays and lesbians from discrimination, and the Nov. 6 referendum does not address the ordinance.

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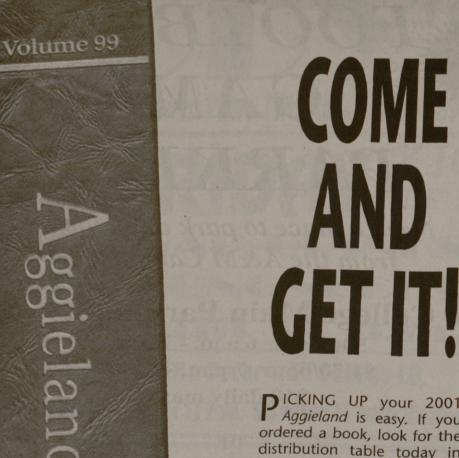
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