

Proposed Local Law Number 18 Of 2015

County Of Ulster

A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006), To Modify The Appointment Process Of The Charter Revision Commission

BE IT ENACTED, by the County Legislature of the County of Ulster, New York, as follows:

SECTION 1. § C-5. B. of the Ulster County Charter is amended to read as follows:

§ C-5. Amendment or revision of Charter.

B. Amendment or revision by Commission. Within five years after the enactment of this Charter, and at least every 10 years thereafter, a Charter Revision Commission shall be appointed to review and make recommendations to the County Executive and Legislature on amendments, additions or revisions to this County Charter. The Commission shall consist of 11 qualified electors of Ulster County and representing the different geographic areas and reflective of the demographic diversity of the County, with five members appointed by the County Executive, three members to be appointed by the leader of the party in the Legislature with the most members, and three members by the leader of the party in the Legislature with the second most members. No appointee to this Commission shall be a County employee or elected official at the time he or she serves on this Commission. **Each member appointment shall be subject to confirmation by the County Legislature.**

SECTION 2. **Mandatory Referendum Question:** The question that shall be submitted to the voters is as follows:

Shall the amendment to the Ulster County Charter approved as Proposed Local Law No. 18 of 2015 for the County of Ulster which requires the full Legislature to have consensus on all Charter Revision Commission appointments as opposed to one elected official having sole control of the majority of said appointments become part of the Ulster County Charter?

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SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY

In the event that any portion of this local law is found to be invalid, such finding will not have any effect on either the remaining portions or applications of this local law or any provisions of the Ulster County Charter, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

Pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law Section 23, this Local Law shall not become operative unless and until this Local Law is approved by the duly qualified voters of Ulster County in a manner prescribed by law at the general election on November 8, 2016, and thereafter filed with the Secretary of State.