



ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATIVE NEWS

ULSTER COUNTY NEWS INFORMATION
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY LEGISLAUTRE
244 FAIR STREET, 6TH FLOOR
KINGSTON, NY 12401

MEDIA CONTACT INFORMATION
• PHONE 845-340-3900
* EMAIL LegislativeNews@co.ulster.ny.us
• FAX 845-340-3651

Legislature.UlsterCountyNY.gov

For Immediate Release:

October 1, 2024

Ulster County Legislature Reminds Voters to Flip Their Ballot for County Propositions

(Kingston, NY) – The Ulster County Legislature has proposed two changes to the Ulster County Charter requiring referenda that will appear on the back of each voter’s ballot in the general election this year.

The first Ulster County Proposition, listed as Proposal Two on each voter’s ballot asks, “Shall the amendments to the Ulster County Charter approved by the Ulster County Legislature as Proposed Local Law # 17 of 2023, which include revised Charter language and additions recommended by the Ulster County Charter Revision Commission, be adopted and become part of the Ulster County Charter?”

These changes to the Ulster County Charter include a requirement of Legislative Confirmation of several leadership positions in Ulster County including the Director of Real Property Tax Service, the County Attorney, Director of Weights & Measures, and the Director of the Department of the Environment, conforming with other such offices requiring Legislative approval. Further changes to the Ulster County Charter in this Proposition include a requirement of Legislative approval of the Order of Succession in the Office of the Ulster County Comptroller, alters the appointing authority of the County Historian from the County Executive to the County Clerk, and enshrines the Department of Environment in the County Charter.

The second Ulster County Proposition, listed as Proposal Three on each voter’s ballot asks, “Shall the amendment to the Ulster County Charter approved as Proposed Local Law # 9 of 2023, providing greater transparency and public awareness and participation when filling a vacancy in the Ulster County Legislature, be adopted and become part of the Ulster County Charter?”

This change to the Ulster County Charter and Administrative Code would require the public advertisement of a vacancy in the Ulster County Legislature occurring outside of a regularly scheduled election and have the individual filling said vacancy nominated by a weighted majority vote of the Town, Village or Common Council constituting the vacant Legislative District, followed by confirmation of the Legislature. Further, this proposed change to the Charter stipulates that a Special Election will be held should the seat not be filled by appointment within 30 days, unless the vacancy occurs within 120 days of the general election.

“Your vote shapes the future of our county, not only by electing leaders but also by making key decisions that affect the very foundation of our local government. Don’t forget to flip your ballot and weigh in on the propositions, as they directly impact our County Charter, the backbone of our government’s structure and its ability to adapt to change. Every vote counts, and your voice matters in how we ensure accountability, efficiency, and home rule. Make sure you participate in these important choices!” **said Chair Peter Criswell.**

Full text of Proposed Local Law No. 17 of 2023 can be found [here](#).

Full text of Proposed Local Law No. 9 of 2023 can be found [here](#).

Sample ballots of all Ulster County Election Districts can be found [here](#).

###