

Proposed Local Law Number 1 Of 2018

County Of Ulster

A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 2 Of 2006 (A Local Law Adopting A County Charter Form Of Government For The County Of Ulster, State Of New York) And Amending Local Law No. 10 Of 2008 (A Local Law Adopting An Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, State Of New York), To Amend The Terms Of Office For Certain Ulster County Elected Officials

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

SECTION 1. Section C-8.B of the Ulster County Charter and Section A2-2.B of the Administrative Code are REPEALED and a new Section C-8.B and A2-2.B are added to read as follows:

§ C-8. and § A2-2. Members; terms of office; election.

B. The term of office of the members of the County Legislature shall be four years beginning on the first day of January next following their election at the general election in 2019.

SECTION 2. A new Section C-8.C of the Ulster County Charter and a new Section A2-2.C. of the Administrative Code are hereby added to read as follows:

§ C-8. and § A2-2. Members; terms of office; election.

C. No person shall serve as a County Legislator for more than 12 years calculated from his or her first term of office after the effective date hereof.

SECTION 3. Section C-24 of the Ulster County Charter and Section A3-3 of the Administrative Code are hereby amended and a new Section C-24.B and Section A3-3.B are added to the Ulster County Charter to read as follows:

§ C-24. and § A3-3. Term of office.

A. The County Executive shall be elected for a three-year term at the regularly scheduled election in the first even-numbered year following the adoption of this Charter, and thereafter every fourth year for a four-year term. The County Executive's term of office shall begin with the first day of January following his or her election.

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B. No person shall serve as County Executive for more than 12 years calculated from his or her first term of office after the effective date hereof.

SECTION 4. Section C-56 of the Ulster County Charter and Section A9-1 of the Administrative Code are REPEALED and a new Section C-56 and Section A9-1 are added to read as follows:

§ C-56. and § A9-1. Election; term; qualifications.

A. There shall be a Comptroller, who shall be elected from the County at large in each odd-numbered year in which a County Executive is not chosen for a term of four years beginning with the first day of January next following his or her election. At the time of his or her nomination and election, and throughout his or her term of office, the Comptroller shall be and remain a qualified elector of Ulster County.

B. No person shall serve as Comptroller for more than 12 years calculated from his or her first term of office after the effective date hereof.

SECTION 5. Mandatory Referendum Question: The question that shall be submitted to the voters is as follows:

Shall the term of office be standardized for the Ulster County Comptroller, Ulster County Executive and each Ulster County Legislator at four years, and shall a 12 year term limit be imposed on all of these positions?

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SECTION 6. 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 and Ulster County Administrative Code, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 7. 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 6, 2018, and thereafter filed with the Secretary of State.