

PROPOSAL NUMBER ONE, AN AMENDMENT

**Allowing for the Revision of the Ulster County Charter § C-10 Commission
on Reapportionment (Redistricting)**

"Shall Section C-10 of the Ulster County Charter be amended to provide for the creation of an independent Redistricting Commission, designed to exclude political influence in revising county legislative districts, as proposed and unanimously approved by the Ulster County Charter Revision Committee?"

YES

NO

Abstract:

The purpose of this Ballot Question is to allow the voters of Ulster County to determine whether the Ulster County Charter should be amended to provide for the creation of an independent Redistricting Commission. The County is required to periodically reexamine the boundaries of its legislative districts based on changes in the population. The Ulster County Charter Revision Commission was convened pursuant to the Charter to create a method for doing so. It has proposed a method of reapportionment of the 23 Ulster County legislative districts, which is the subject of this Ballot Question. Under the proposal, a new Redistricting Commission will be created every ten years following each census. The Commission will consist of seven members. Four members will be chosen by the majority and minority leaders of the County Legislature. The remaining three members will be chosen by those appointees. The final legislative district map will not require approval by the County Legislature. The proposal prohibits elected officials from serving on the Commission, and establishes principals to be used in creating districts. This new process has been designed to exclude political influence in revising county legislative districts. It is proposed after having been unanimously approved by the Ulster County Charter Revision Commission.

If a majority voting on this Question votes NO, the proposed Charter revision will not be adopted.

If a majority votes YES, the proposed Charter revision will be adopted.