

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL - EASTON, PA

Ordinance No. 689 SESSION 2020 Bill No. 780

Introduced by Lori Vargo Heffner and Margaret L. Ferraro on July 16, 2020

Enacted August 7, 2020 Effective September 6, 2020

Title: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER: AMENDING SECTION 203, ENTITLED COMPOSITION AS FOLLOWS: THE COUNTY COUNCIL SHALL BE COMPOSED OF NINE (9) COMMISSIONERS. FIVE (5) COMMISSIONERS ELECTED AT LARGE AND FOUR (4) COMMISSIONERS ELECTED BY DISTRICT

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Northampton County Council that:

SECTION I. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER

A. A proposed amendment to the Northampton County Home Rule Charter shall be prepared for presentation as a referendum question at the May 2021 Primary Election, said referendum question shall be prepared and acted upon in accordance with the Northampton County Home Rule Charter, Article XI, and all applicable laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

B. The proposed question is:

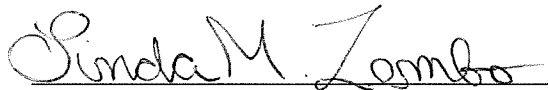
Shall the electorate of Northampton County approve a change in the Northampton County Home Rule Charter, Article II, Section 203, entitled Composition that the County Council shall be composed of nine (9) Commissioners. Five (5) Commissioners elected at large and four (4) Commissioners elected by District.

SECTION II - EFFECTIVE DATE

A. This Ordinance shall become effective 30 days after the date of enactment.

This ordinance was advertised on the 19th day of July and was adopted by the Northampton County Council on the 6th day of August 2020.

ATTEST:



Linda M. Zembo
Clerk to Council

Ronald R. Heckman

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County Council President

Lamont G. McClure
County Executive

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