

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL - EASTON, PA

Ordinance No. 757 SESSION 2023 Bill No. 852

Introduced by Lori Vargo Heffner and John Cusick on July 6, 2023

Enacted August 1, 2023 Effective August 31, 2023

Title: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER, ARTICLE V, DISTRICT ATTORNEY; TO PROVIDE TERM LIMITS FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON

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 2024 Primary Election. The 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 V, District Attorney, Section 501 to impose term limits on the District Attorney of Northampton County commencing with the term of office which begins in January of 2028?"

Article V, District Attorney, Section 501. Titles and Status, shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 501. Titles and Status

The District Attorney shall be the official of the County responsible for public prosecutions under the law. The District

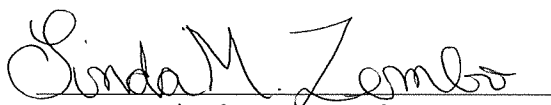
Attorney shall not serve more than four (4) four year terms of office in succession.

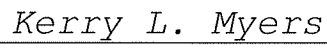
SECTION II - EFFECTIVE DATE

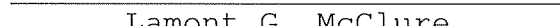
This ordinance shall become effective thirty days after the date of enactment.

This ordinance was advertised on the 12th day of July, 2023 and was adopted by the Northampton County Council on the 20th day of July, 2023.

ATTEST:


Linda M. Zembo
Clerk to Council


Kerry L. Myers
County Council President


Lamont G. McClure
County Executive

The ordinance titled, "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER, ARTICLE V, DISTRICT ATTORNEY; TO PROVIDE TERM LIMITS FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON," was adopted by the Northampton County Council at the meeting held July 20, 2023, by a vote of 6-3 (the vote: John A. Brown, "yes"; John Cusick, "yes"; Thomas A. Giovanni, "yes"; John P. Goffredo, "yes"; Ronald R. Heckman, "no"; Lori Vargo Heffner, "yes"; Kevin Lott, "no"; Kerry L. Myers, "yes"; Tara M. Zrinski, "no".) The ordinance was presented to the County Executive on July 21, 2023. The County Executive returned the ordinance to the Office of County Council unsigned, and not vetoed, on July 31, 2023. In accordance with the provisions of Northampton County Home Rule Charter 602(g)(3), the ordinance was enacted on August 1, 2023, and becomes effective as such on August 31, 2023.

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