

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL - EASTON, PA

Ordinance No. _____ SESSION 2023 Bill No. 847

Introduced by Lori Vargo Heffner and John P. Goffredo on June 1, 2023

Enacted _____ Effective _____

Title: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE NORTHAMPTON COUNTY HOME RULE CHARTER, ARTICLE II, COUNTY COUNCIL; TO PROVIDE TERM LIMITS FOR MEMBERS OF COUNTY COUNCIL 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 2023 General 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 II, County Council, Section 205 to impose term limits on County Council Members of Northampton County commencing with the term of office which begins in January of 20__?"

Article II, County Council, Section 205. Special Qualifications, shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 205. Special Qualifications

Each member elected by district shall have resided in the district from which he was elected continuously during the year preceding the commencement of his term of office and during his

term of office shall reside continuously in the district from which he was elected. Any member of County Council shall not serve more than three (3) four year terms in succession. The limitation imposed by this section shall not apply to terms previously served by current members of County Council, who shall for purposes of this section only, be deemed to be serving their first term.

SECTION II - EFFECTIVE DATE

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

This ordinance was advertised on the ___ day of _____ 2023 and was adopted by the Northampton County Council on the ___ day of _____ 2023.

ATTEST:

Linda M. Zembo
Clerk to Council

Kerry L. Myers
County Council President

Lamont G. McClure
County Executive