

City of Philadelphia



(Bill No. 020255)

AN ORDINANCE

Providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia of an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter relating to the creation, appointment, powers and duties of an independent Philadelphia Tax Reform Commission, as approved by Resolution of the City Council; fixing the date of a special election for such purpose; prescribing the form of ballot questions to be voted on; and authorizing the appropriate officers to publish notice and to make arrangements for the special election.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. There shall be submitted for the approval or disapproval of the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia at the election to be held November 5, 2002, an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter relating to the creation, appointment, powers and duties of a Philadelphia Tax Reform Commission.

SECTION 2. There shall be placed on the ballot the following question to be answered “Yes” or “No” by the qualified electors participating in the election:

Shall the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter be amended to provide for the creation, appointment, powers and duties of an independent Philadelphia Tax Reform Commission which would recommend methods to reduce the taxes of Philadelphia residents, workers and businesses in an equitable manner in order to enhance Philadelphia’s ability to compete with other jurisdictions in attracting and retaining new residents, businesses and jobs, based upon the Commission's comprehensive analysis of taxation in Philadelphia?

The proposed amendment is contained in Resolution No. 020264 approved by Council on May 16, 2002, and filed in the Office of the Clerk of Council.

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SECTION 3. The Clerk of Council is hereby directed to have printed in pamphlet form, in sufficient number for general distribution, the proposed amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter as set forth in Resolution No. 020264, together with the ballot question set forth in Section 2 of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. The Clerk of Council is hereby directed to cause to be published in three (3) newspapers of general circulation in the City and in the Legal Intelligencer the proposed amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, together with the ballot question set forth in Section 2 of this Ordinance, once a week during the three (3) weeks preceding the election on November 5, 2002; and further, at such other time and in such other manner as she may consider desirable.

SECTION 5. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to issue a proclamation giving at least thirty (30) days' notice of such election. The Clerk of Council shall cause a copy of the proclamation to be published, together with the notice provided for in Section 4 of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. The appropriate officers are authorized and directed to take such action as may be required for the holding of an election on the ballot question set forth in Section 2 of this Ordinance as provided for by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Bill, Passed by the City Council on May 30, 2002. The Bill was Signed by the Mayor on June 12, 2002.



Marie B. Hauser
Chief Clerk of the City Council