



City of Philadelphia

City Council
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RESOLUTION NO. 080687

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Councilmembers Goode, DiCicco, Kenney and Blackwell

**Referred to the
Committee on Law and Government**

RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter relating to Councilmembers elected at large, including the number of such members who shall serve on Council, the number of candidates for Councilmember at large each party or other political body is permitted to nominate, and the number of Councilmembers at large for which each elector has the right to vote.

WHEREAS, Under Section 6 of the First Class City Home Rule Act (53 P.S. §13106), an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter may be proposed by a resolution of the Council of the City of Philadelphia adopted with the concurrence of two-thirds of its elected members; now, therefore,

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That the following amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter is hereby proposed and shall be submitted to the electors of the City on an election date designated by ordinance:

Note:

~~Strikethrough~~ indicates matter deleted by this amendment.

Bold italics indicates matter added by the amendment.

ARTICLE II LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The Council – Its Election, Organization, Powers and Duties

CHAPTER 1 THE COUNCIL

§ 2-100. Number, Terms and Salaries of Councilmen.

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The Council shall consist of seventeen members, of whom ten shall be elected from districts and seven from the City at large. The terms of councilmen shall be four years from the first Monday of January following the year in which they were elected except that a councilman elected to fill a vacancy shall serve only for the balance of the unexpired term. Each councilman shall receive a salary at the rate of \$9,000 per annum, or such other sum as the Council shall from time to time ordain, and the President of Council shall receive in addition a salary at the rate of \$1,000 per annum, or such other sum as the Council shall from time to time ordain.

§ 2-101. The Election of Councilmen.

At the municipal election held in 1951, and in every fourth year thereafter, one councilman shall be elected from each councilmanic district and seven from the City at large. Each elector shall have the right to vote for one district councilman and for ~~five~~ *six* councilmen-at-large. To this end not more than ~~five~~ *six* candidates for councilmen-at-large shall be nominated pursuant to law by any party or other political body. Should a vacancy occur in the office of any councilman, the President of the Council shall issue a writ of election to the board of elections having jurisdiction over elections in the City for a special election to fill the vacancy for the balance of the unexpired term, which election shall be held on a date specified in the writ, but not less than thirty days after its issuance. The President of Council may fix as the date of the special election, the date of the next primary, municipal or general election.

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APPENDIX

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CHAPTER A-2

§ A-200. Schedule.

This charter shall become effective on the first Monday of January, 1952, except in the following particulars:

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(9) *The amendments to Section 2-101 of this Charter, permitting each party or other political body to nominate six candidates for Councilmember at large, and giving each elector the right to vote for six Councilmembers at large, shall first take*

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effect with respect to Councilmembers to be elected for terms beginning the first Monday in January 2012.

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