



City of Philadelphia

City Council
Chief Clerk's Office
402 City Hall
Philadelphia, PA 19107

BILL NO. 120248

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Councilmember Kenney

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

AN ORDINANCE

Providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia of the proposal set forth in a Resolution approved by Council proposing an amendment of The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter relating to the “resign to run” requirement to provide that, as of the date specified, no person who holds an elective public office other than a City office may be a candidate for any City office unless that person first resigns his or her elective office, all for the purpose of leveling the playing field for elected City officials, who are required by the Charter to resign before seeking any public office other than the office currently held; 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 6, 2012, the amendment to The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter contained in Resolution No. 120253 approved by Council on _____, 2012 and filed in the Office of the Clerk of Council.

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 – which now requires that elected City officials resign from office before seeking any public office (except when seeking re-election) – be amended to also require that, effective January 1, 2013, any person who holds an elective public office other than a City office must resign before becoming a candidate for any City office?

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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. 120253 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 during the three (3) weeks preceding the election on November 6, 2012; and further, at such other time and in such other manner as he 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 in two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the City and in the Legal Intelligencer once a week during the three (3) weeks preceding the election on November 6, 2012.

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.