



City of Philadelphia

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

AN ORDINANCE

Providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia of an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, as approved by Resolution of the City Council, to provide for the creation, appointment, powers and duties of an independent Philadelphia Public School Performance and Accountability Board, to provide for certain actions by the Mayor relating to the work of such Board, and to provide for a process by which local control of the School District may be returned to the citizens of Philadelphia; 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 May 20, 2003, an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter relating to the creation, appointment, powers and duties of a Philadelphia Public School Performance and Accountability Board, providing for certain actions by the Mayor relating to the work of such Board, and providing for a process by which local control of the School District may be returned to the citizens of Philadelphia.

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 Public School Performance and Accountability Board, provide that the Mayor take certain actions in response to the work of such Board, and

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provide for a process by which local control of the School District may be returned to the citizens of Philadelphia?

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

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. _____, 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 May 20, 2003; 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.