



City of Philadelphia

City Council
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BILL NO. 020551

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**Councilmembers Ortiz, Rizzo, Nutter, Kenney, Tasco, DiCicco, Goode,
Cohen and Council President Verna**

**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 Section 2-309 of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, relating to approval of leases and contracts to which the City is a party, as approved by Resolution of the City Council; fixing the date of a special election for such purpose; prescribing the form of ballot question 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 on May 20, 2003, an amendment to Section 2-309 of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, relating to approval of leases and contracts to which the City is a party.

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 Home Rule Charter be amended to require approval by ordinance of any City contract which either: 1) authorizes a City expenditure in excess of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) but is not awarded through the City Procurement Department, or 2) may be in effect for more than a year either by virtue of its express terms, or by virtue of the exercise of a renewal or extension option by any party to such contract?

The proposed amendment is contained in Resolution No. _____ approved by Council on _____, 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. _____, 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.