

Legislation Text

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Providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the City of Philadelphia of an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to establish that a bid preference can be allowed in the awarding of public contracts to Philadelphia firms, and that the extent and nature of the bid preference shall be provided by ordinance.

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 November 4, 2003, an amendment to the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter relating to competitive bidding requirements. The proposed amendment is contained in Resolution No. 030106 and filed in the Office of the Clerk of Council. 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. 030106, together with the ballot question set forth in Section 2 of this Ordinance.

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:

Question No. 1:

Shall the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter be amended to allow for a bid preference for Philadelphia-based firms in order to promote more business and job creation opportunities for Philadelphia-based firms in the awarding of contracts with the City of Philadelphia, as provided by ordinance of City Council.

SECTION 3. 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 4, 2003; and further, at such other times and in such other manner as she may consider desirable.

SECTION 4. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to issue a proclamation on or before October 4, 2003, giving notice of said election. The Clerk of Council shall cause a copy of the proclamation to be published together with the notice provided for in Section 3 of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. 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.