

ABSTRACT FOR COUNTY PROPOSITION NO. 1

Form of Proposition:

Resolution No. 442-2020, “A Charter Law To Change The Legislative Term Of Office From Two (2) Years To Four (4) Years”

Shall Resolution No. 442-2020, Adopting a Charter Law to Change the Legislative Term of Office for County Legislators from Two (2) Years to Four (4) Years be approved?

Enactment of this proposed Charter Law would amend section C2-5(A) of the Suffolk County Charter to change the term of office for all Suffolk County Legislators from two (2) years to four (4) years.

If approved by the electorate, the four-year term of office will apply to all Legislators commencing a term of office on January 1, 2022, having been elected at the November 2021 general election, and to every election and term of office for Legislator thereafter. The existing twelve-year term limit on legislators will remain in effect. An exception to the term limit is provided in this law for current Legislators who will reach the twelve-year term limit under section C2-5(B) in the middle of their last term of office. This law would allow such Legislators to complete the last two years of their final term of office.

If this referendum is approved by the electorate, this law would take effect upon filing in the office of the Secretary of State.

THE FOREGOING ABSTRACT, TOGETHER WITH A PROPOSITION SUBMITTED WITH THE ABSTRACT, WAS PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE, WITH THE ADVICE OF COUNSEL TO THE LEGISLATURE AND THE COUNTY ATTORNEY.

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