Local Law Number 3 Of 2021

County of Ulster

A Local Law Amending Article XXX Of The Ulster County Charter And Article XXX Of The Ulster County Administrative Code To Amend The Term Limit Imposed On Commissioners

BE IT ENACTED, by the Legislature of the County of Ulster, as follows:

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT AND FINDINGS.

The Ulster County Legislature finds that the respective members of the Human Rights Commission have successfully dedicated many hours of volunteered time and energy to fostering respect for the rights of all people and exploring opportunities for improving relations among all people of Ulster County, and should be allowed to continue to serve devoid of unnecessary statutory restrictions.

SECTION 2. Article XXX, § C-101. Membership; duties; appointments; terms of office. B. of the Ulster County Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

B. The Commission of Human Rights shall have 11 members appointed to terms of three years, three members of which shall be appointed by the legislative Chairperson, three members by the legislative minority leader, and five members by the County Executive, one of which shall be designated by him or her as the Commission Chairperson. Appointments shall be representative of the various religious, racial, ethnic and nationality groups in Ulster County's communities. No member of the Commission of Human Rights shall serve more than four consecutive terms of three years.

<u>SECTION 3.</u> Article XXX, § A30-2. Membership; duties; appointments; terms of office. B. of the Ulster County Administrative Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

B. The Commission of Human Rights shall have 11 members appointed to terms of three years, three members of which shall be appointed by the legislative Chairperson, three members by the legislative minority leader, and five members by the County Executive, one of which shall be designated by him or her as the Commission Chairperson. Appointments shall be representative of the various religious, racial, ethnic and nationality groups in Ulster County's communities. No member of the Commission of Human Rights shall serve more than four consecutive terms of three years.

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SECTION 4. SEPARABILITY.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section, or part of this local law shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section, or part thereof involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This local law shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Adopted by the County Legislature: April 20, 2021

Approved by the County Executive: May 18, 2021

Filed with New York State Department of State: June 7, 2021