

Ballot Referenda November 2026 General Election

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY HOME RULE CHARTER

Shall Article III, Subsection 7(c) of Allegheny County's Home Rule Charter be repealed in order to remove restrictions on County Council members' ability to receive County funding for personal staff, district offices, and fringe benefits?

Explanation of Ballot Question

Currently, County Council members receive a stipend in compensation for their service, but no funds for personal staff, local district offices, or fringe benefits such as health and life insurance, pensions, or personal motor vehicles. Other elected officers of the County do receive such benefits. The proposal asserts that this lack of financial support limits the field of individuals willing to run for Council.

A yes vote would allow County Council members to eventually receive such benefits but does not immediately create a budget or funding allocation to support expenditures necessary to provide such benefits.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BOROUGH OF BRADDOCK HOME RULE CHARTER

Shall Article 2, Section 204 of the Home Rule Charter of the Borough of Braddock be amended to provide that Borough Council members shall receive compensation on a per-meeting basis based on their attendance at twelve (12) regularly scheduled annual Borough Council meetings subject to excused absences?

Explanation of Ballot Question

The proposed change to Braddock's Home Rule Charter would require that Borough Council members attend the 12 regularly scheduled monthly council meetings in order to receive a monthly payment for their service. The ordinance states that

some absences may be excused but does not specify what constitutes a valid excuse. Council members currently receive payment regardless of their attendance.

CITY OF DUQUESNE
PROPOSED HOME RULE CHARTER
SPECIAL ELECTION QUESTION

Shall the Home Rule Charter contained in the report, dated July 20, 2026, of the Government Study Commission, prepared in accordance with the Home Rule Charter and Optional Plans Law, be adopted by the City of Duquesne?

Explanation of Ballot Question

A Yes vote means that you are voting to adopt the Proposed Home Rule Charter for the City of Duquesne, which will change the existing form of government. For more information visit <https://www.duquesnepa.us/duquesne-news-board>. A No vote means you favor retention of the present form of Third Class City Government, under the Pennsylvania Third Class City Code.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF PENN HILLS
HOME RULE CHARTER

Shall the Penn Hills Home Rule Charter be amended to clarify the process for appointing an Acting or Interim Municipal Manager by distinguishing between a temporary absence of the Manager and a vacancy in the office of Manager, and to authorize Council to designate an Acting or Interim Manager in the event of a vacancy?

Explanation of Ballot Question

Penn Hills' charter currently allows the Municipal Manager to appoint an Acting Manager from within the municipality staff in the event of a temporary absence of the Manager of not more than 30 days. It does not address what should happen if

the Manager fails to designate an acting surrogate or if a temporary absence goes beyond 30 days or becomes a vacancy.

The proposed change allows the council to designate an Acting Manager from within the municipality staff if the Manager has not done so, or if the Manager's absence from the office extends beyond 30 days or becomes a vacancy. Any Manager-designated Acting Manager's 30-day appointment will terminate on occurrence of a vacancy but may be extended if reaffirmed by a vote of the Council. If the office of Manager is vacant because of resignation, removal, death, disability, or refusal to act, the Council may appoint a temporary Manager to serve until a permanent Manager is appointed. No Council member or elected officer may serve as Manager in any capacity. Appointment of a permanent Manager remains the responsibility of the Mayor.