

ERIE COUNTY  
LEGISLATURE

COUNTY OF ERIE

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LOCAL LAW INTRO NO. 7 (Print #2)

1986

A LOCAL LAW amending Erie County Local Law No. 1-1959, as amended, constituting the Erie County Charter, by adding a new Article 16-E thereto, in relation to the establishment of a Citizen's Salary Review Commission; and amending Erie County Local Law No. 1-1959, as amended, constituting the Erie County Charter, by adding to Article II thereof a new Section 202.3 in relation to fixing a procedure for increasing the salaries of county elected officials, excluding the district attorney.

BE IN ENACTED BY THE ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Erie County Local Law No. 1-1959, as amended, constituting the Erie County Charter, is hereby amended by adding a new Article 16-E thereto, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 16-E

CITIZENS SALARY REVIEW COMMISSION

Section 1649. Establishment and membership.

Section 1650. Duties of commission.

Section 1649. Establishment and membership. There is hereby established a Citizens Salary Review Commission, to be known as the Citizens Salary Review Commission of Erie County, hereinafter called the commission. The commission shall consist of nine (9) members and it shall be representative of taxpayer, civic, labor, business, professional, financial, and minority groups in the County of Erie. Six (6) members of the commission shall be appointed by the county executive. Two (2) of the members of the commission shall be appointed by a majority vote of the members of the political party whose membership of the county legislature constitutes a majority of the legislature.

One (1) member of the commission shall be appointed by a majority vote of the members of the political party whose membership of the county legislature constitutes a minority vote of the legislature. Each executive and legislative appointment to the commission shall be for a full term of three years, except that the appointment of a person to fill a vacancy occurring by death, resignation, or cause other than the expiration of a term, shall be made for the unexpired term. Each member shall continue to serve until the appointment and qualification of his successor. Vacancies shall be filled and the appointments of successors shall be made in the same manner as original appointments by the appointing authority responsible for the original appointment. The term of office of all members of the commission shall be deemed as commencing on July 1, 1986.

Section 1650. Duties. Beginning on July first, nineteen hundred eighty-six, the commission shall review the salaries of all elected officials of the County of Erie, except for the district attorney, and report its recommendations to the county executive and the county legislature by September first of that year. The committee shall provide ample opportunity for public input prior to making its recommendations to the county executive and county legislature. Such a review of salaries as set forth above shall occur during every even year starting with nineteen hundred eighty-six.

Section 2. Erie County Local Law No. 1-1959, as amended constituting the Erie County Charter, is hereby amended by adding to Article II thereof a new Section 202.3, to read as follows:

ARTICLE II  
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Section 202.3 Increasing the salaries of county elected officials. The Erie County Legislature is hereby prohibited from changing the salary of any county elected official, excluding the district attorney, except in accordance with the following procedure:

a. Prior to acting upon the Citizens Salary Review Commission's biennial report, the county legislature shall hold at least one public hearing to solicit public input on said commission's recommendations.

b. Notices of all such public hearings shall be published at least once in the official newspaper or newspapers of the county and in such other newspapers as the county legislature may direct. At least five (5) days but not more than ten (10) days shall elapse between the first publication of such notice and the date specified for the hearing.

c. The county legislature must adopt, modify or reject the recommendations of the Citizens Salary Review Commission by no later than October first of the year in which said recommendations are submitted.

d. Any salaries approved by the county legislature in excess of those recommended by the Citizens Salary Review Commission shall be approved by a vote of at least two-thirds of all the members of the county legislature.

e. The effective date of any adjustments in the salaries of elected county officials, which are approved by the county legislature, shall be January first of the next even year after approval, beginning January first, nineteen hundred eighty-eight.

f. The county legislature's review of salaries as set forth above shall occur during every even year starting with nineteen hundred eighty-six.

Section 3. Effective date. This local law shall take effect immediately.

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