

**RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY
CHAIRMAN MILLS**

Re: Erie County Charter Revision Commission Recommendation No. 48

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature created the Erie County Charter Revision Commission for the express purpose of reviewing the Erie County Charter and to make recommendations on whether or not the Erie County Charter and/or Administrative Code should be amended to facilitate the more effective delivery of services to the public and to better coordinate the functions between departments and agencies of the County and the various local governments within the County; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Revision Commission was convened and fully considered and debated the strengths and weaknesses of the present Charter and made numerous recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Revision Commission submitted its final recommendations to the Erie County Legislature on May 13, 2016; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the Charter Revision Commission, several organizations, individuals and elected officials submitted comments and recommended Charter changes to the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature is required to act on each recommendation of the Charter Revision Commission; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Mills has reviewed each recommendation of the Commission and has submitted each recommendation to this Honorable Body for its consideration; and

WHEREAS, Section 1403 describes the composition of the Emergency Medical Services, Fire, and Civil Defense/Disaster Preparedness Advisory Boards; and

WHEREAS, Recommendation No. 48 amends Section 1403 to combine all three of the current boards to create one Homeland Security and Emergency Services Advisory Board, which will oversee three sub-boards for Emergency Medical Services, Fire, and Homeland Security/Disaster Preparedness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature accepts the Charter Revision Commission's Recommendation No. 48 as described in Comm. 10M-1(2016); and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Legislature's staff shall draft a local law or laws to reflect the Legislature's acceptance of the recommendation and to amend the Charter by referendum; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Office of the County Attorney and any other party deemed necessary and proper.

Recommendation to Amend the Erie County Charter
Erie County Charter Revision Commission of 2016

Recommendation Intro. No.177

Recommendation No. 48

Introduced on the Report of the Standing Committee on Executive and Departments

Sponsored by Commission Member _____

Section 1403. Advisory boards. The county executive shall appoint a homeland security and emergency services advisory board ~~the following three advisory boards~~, which shall advise on matters relating to emergency medical services, fire safety, and ~~civil defense~~ homeland security /disaster preparedness, respectively, either at the request of the commissioner or upon ~~their~~ its own initiative. This Board shall consist of three sub-boards to be composed as follows:

1. Emergency medical services advisory board. To consist of between nine and eleven members, each with at least three years of demonstrable experience related to emergency medical services.
2. Fire advisory board. To consist of between nine and eleven members, each with at least three years of demonstrable experience related to firefighting, fire safety, or fire prevention.
3. ~~Civil defense~~ Homeland security/disaster preparedness advisory board. To consist of between nine and eleven members, each with at least three years of demonstrable experience related to homeland security or disaster preparedness.

Added by Local Law No. 1 1986.