

**RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY
CHAIRMAN MILLS**

Re: Erie County Charter Revision Commission Recommendation No. 54

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, Recommendation No. 54 amends Section 302 to require the County Executive to interview at least one minority or one female candidate for each open department head position in the County and notice of the vacancy is to be published on the County's website for five business days.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature accepts the Charter Revision Commission's Recommendation No. 54 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. 178

Recommendation No. 54

Introduced on the Report of the Committee of the Whole.

Sponsored by Commission Members McDuffie, Aldinger

The Erie County Charter Revision Commission of 2016 does hereby recommend that Section 204 be amended to read as follows:

Section 302. Powers and duties. The county executive, in addition to any other powers and duties provided by this charter shall:

- a. Except as otherwise provided in this charter, and subject to confirmation where so provided, appoint to serve during his or her pleasure the head of every department and other administrative unit of the county and the officers and employees in his or her own office. Prior to appointing the head of any department or other administrative unit of the county, the County Executive shall prominently display a notice on the county's webpage that there is an opening for such position for at least five business days. Before making any such appointment the County Executive will interview at least one minority or female candidate, provided that a female or minority individual legally qualified to hold the office to be appointed applies for such appointment.