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AN ACT to amend the municipal home rule law, in relation to charter revision commissions

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Section 36 of the municipal home rule law is amended by
2 adding a new subdivision 4-a to read as follows:

3 4-A. IF A COMMISSION IS CREATED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AFTER THE
4 FIFTEENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY OF ANY YEAR, SUCH COMMISSION MAY NOT PLACE ANY
5 PROPOSALS ON THE BALLOT UNTIL THE SUBSEQUENT CALENDAR YEAR FOLLOWING ITS
6 CREATION; PROVIDED, THAT SUCH COMMISSION, WITH APPROVAL OF THE LEGISLA-
7 TIVE BODY, MAY PLACE A PROPOSAL ON THE BALLOT IN THE YEAR IT WAS
8 CREATED, REGARDLESS OF THE DATE SUCH COMMISSION WAS CREATED. PRIOR TO
9 THE CONSIDERATION OF ANY PROPOSALS BY THE COMMISSION, SUCH COMMISSION
10 SHALL HOLD ONE OR MORE PUBLIC HEARINGS IN ORDER TO ACQUIRE PUBLIC OPIN-
11 ION REGARDING WHAT REVISIONS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS PROPOSED CHANGES TO
12 THE CHARTER. FOLLOWING A DETERMINATION BY THE COMMISSION REGARDING WHICH
13 PROPOSED CHANGES SHALL BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT FOR CONSIDERATION BY
14 ELECTORS, SUCH COMMISSION SHALL HOLD ONE OR MORE PUBLIC HEARINGS IN
15 ORDER TO ACQUIRE PUBLIC OPINION REGARDING SUCH PROPOSALS. PROPOSALS FOR
16 SPECIFIC CHANGES TO THE CHARTER RECOMMENDED BY SUCH COMMISSION SHALL, TO
17 THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PRACTICABLE, BE SEPARATELY IDENTIFIED ON THE BALLOT
18 FOR SEPARATE VOTER CONSIDERATION.

19 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately, and shall be deemed to
20 have been in full force and effect on and after January 1, 2011, and
21 shall apply to any charter revision commission coming into existence on
22 or after January 1, 2011; provided that any charter revision commission
23 that is in existence prior to January 1, 2011 and which is not in
24 compliance with the provisions of this act is hereby terminated, and no
25 proposed new charter or amendment offered by such commission shall be
26 put to vote nor take effect.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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