

CHANGES PROPOSED BY THE CHAIR TO THE ADOPTED PRELIMINARY PROPOSALS

AS THE RESULT OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY AND COMMENT

June 15, 1989

City Council

1. An independent Legislative Budget Office serving the City Council, borough presidents and other non-mayoral entities would be established.
2. Stipends for officers of the Council would have to be established by law. Presently there is a lump sum appropriation subject to the discretion of the majority leader.
3. The charter would provide that:
  - Chairs of standing committees shall be elected by the entire Council.
  - The sponsor of a proposed law shall be able to require committee action.
  - A majority of the members of the Council could discharge a proposed law from committee.
4. In light of the public testimony in support of an enlarged City Council, the Commission staff should prepare an analysis of the effect on fair and effective representation of racial and language groups protected by the Voting Rights Act and any other considerations relevant to increasing the Council size from 51 to a slightly larger number.

Redistricting

1. The size of the Districting Commission would be increased from nine to eleven and the nature of appointments would be changed:
  - The largest Council delegation would appoint four members; the next largest council delegation would appoint 2 or 3 members depending on its size; if there is no second delegation or only a small second delegation, the mayor would appoint 3 or 2 members on the recommendation of the county party chairs would suggest in writing that the plan meets the districting criteria to the maximum extent possible, including the new criteria the Charter Commission has recommended be added, including the fair and effective representation of racial and language groups protected by the Voting Rights Act.
  - The mayor shall appoint four members.