



LUZERNE COUNTY

MAY 19, 2009 MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION

PLAIN ENGLISH STATEMENT

REGARDING THE GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMISSION REFERENDUM

The purpose of the ballot question is to determine whether the electors of the County of Luzerne wish to empanel a "Government Study Commission" (Commission) of 11 members to study the existing form of government of Luzerne County and possibly recommend changes to the form of government which may be presented by the Commission in the form of a Home Rule Charter or Optional Plans form of government.

The question is presented for a "Yes or No" vote and a simple majority of electors is needed for passage or rejection of the question.

A recommended Home Rule Charter or Optional Plans form of government would be presented to the electors of the County of Luzerne in a future referendum, should the Commission be empanelled and should the Commission conclude, upon the completion of a study, that either a Home Rule Charter or Optional Plans form of government is advised.

Electors, irrespective of their decision to vote "Yes or No" on the Government Study Commission Referendum, are permitted to vote for not more than 11 of the 20 candidates seeking to be seated on the Commission.