

BASIC QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE  
 CONCORD TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMISSION  
 RELATIVE TO THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH  
 UNDER A HOME RULE CHARTER

	<b>DECISION</b>
1. What should be the size of the legislative body?	
2. What should be the term of office?	
3. Should the number of consecutive or total terms that any one individual can serve be limited? If so, what should the limit be?	
4. Should the terms be staggered?	
6. Should the legislators be elected at-large, by district, or in combination? How many of each type should there be?	
7. How many districts should there be?	
8. Should districts be represented by single or multiple members?	
9. After each US Census should redistricting be carried out by the legislative body or by an appointed "Committee on Redistricting"?	
10. Should the legislative body be permitted to overrule any such Committee and pass its own plan—if it is able to agree on an alternative approach?	
11. Should a member of the legislative body be required to be of a minimum age? If so, what should that age be?	
12. Should a member of the legislative body be required to live in the district he/she represents for an extended period of time prior to his/her election or appointment? If so, for how long?	
13. Should a member of the legislative body forfeit his/her office or be subject to removal from office for prescribed reasons? If so, what reasons?	
13A. Should a member of the legislative body be required to forfeit his/her office if he/she moves from the Township or no longer meets any other qualification prescribed by applicable state law or by this Charter (e.g., registered voter)?	

13B. Should a member of the legislative body forfeit office (or be removed from office) if he/she has been found to be incapacitated or incompetent by an appropriate court after an extended period? If so, what should the extended period of time be?	
13C. Should a member of the legislative body forfeit office (or be removed from office) if he/she is convicted of misbehavior in office or of any infamous crime or if he/she violates specific provisions of the Charter? (e.g., conflict of interest, ethics)	
13D. Should a member of the legislative body be required to forfeit his/her office (or be removed from office) if he/she fails or refuses to tend to the duties of the office for an extended period of time? If so, what should the extended period of time be?	
14. Should the legislative body or the Courts fill any permanent vacancy on the legislative body?	
15. Should the person filling any vacancy be required to be of the same political party as the person he/she succeeds?	
16. Should vacancies be filled for the unexpired term or just until the next regular election?	
17. Should the Courts fill the vacancy if the legislative body fails to act?	
18. How often should regular meetings of the legislative body be required? Should some or all of the regular meetings be required to be held in the evening?	
19. Should the powers and duties enumerated for the legislative body be those that are generally placed in the hands of legislative bodies?	
20. Should the members of the legislative body be restricted from holding any other public or political office?	
21. What should be the initial salary of the legislative body?	
22. What should be the mechanism for changing the legislative body's compensation?	
23. Should the members of the legislative body be permitted to	

receive various fringe benefits, including retirement benefits?	
24. What should constitute a quorum?	
25. What should be the minimum number of affirmative votes to pass legislation (at least a majority of the present members or by a majority of those present at the meeting and voting on the question)?	
26. Should emergency legislation require a greater majority? If so, how many votes?	
27. When should legislation take effect?	
28. How should notice of legislation be made?	
29. What should the legislative body be called and how should members be referred to?	
30. What other terms and conditions should be provided?	