

**LOCAL LAWS
OF
THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FOR THE YEAR 2021**

No. 54

Introduced by Council Members Levine, Gibson, Kallos, Chin, Ayala, Cumbo, Van Bramer, Adams, Riley, Powers, Rivera, Rosenthal, Ampry-Samuel, Lander, D. Diaz, Menchaca, Brannan, Reynoso, Louis, Treyger, Rose, Levin, Cornegy, Salamanca, Perkins, Dinowitz, Eugene, Koo, Gennaro and Barron.

A LOCAL LAW

To amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to providing legal services for tenants who are subject to eviction proceedings

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivisions a, b, and c of section 26-1302 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 136 for the year 2017, are amended to read as follows:

a. Subject to appropriation, the coordinator shall establish a program to provide access to legal services for covered individuals in covered proceedings in housing court and shall ensure that, no later than [July 31, 2022] *June 1, 2021*:

1. [all] *All* covered individuals receive access to brief legal assistance no later than their first scheduled appearance in a covered proceeding in housing court, or as soon thereafter as is practicable; and

2. [all] *All* income-eligible individuals receive access to full legal representation no later than their first scheduled appearance in a covered proceeding in housing court, or as soon thereafter as is practicable.

b. Subject to appropriation, no later than October 1, 2017, the coordinator shall establish a program to provide access to legal services in administrative proceedings of the New York city housing authority for tenants of buildings operated by the New York [City]city housing authority who have been served with charges in such administrative proceedings for termination of tenancy and shall ensure that, no later than [July 31, 2022] *June 1, 2021*, all such tenants receive access to such legal services *no later than their first scheduled appearance in such administrative proceedings, or as soon thereafter as is practicable.*

c. The coordinator shall estimate annually the expenditures required for each year of implementation of the programs described by subdivisions a and b of this section. Beginning [October 1, 2022] *December 1, 2021* and no later than each [October] *December 1* thereafter, the coordinator shall publish a summary of any changes to such estimates for expenditures.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, s.s.:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a local law of The City of New York, passed by the Council on April 29, 2021 and approved by the Mayor on May 11, 2021.

MICHAEL M. McSWEENEY, City Clerk, Clerk of the Council.

CERTIFICATION OF CORPORATION COUNSEL

I hereby certify that the form of the enclosed local law (Local Law No. 54 of 2021, Council Int. No. 2050-A of 2020 to be filed with the Secretary of State contains the correct text of the local law passed by the New York City Council and approved by the Mayor.

STEPHEN LOUIS, Acting Corporation Counsel.