

# Assemblyman David Buchwald has a Long Record of Fighting for Ethics in Government



On the back of your ballot this November will be a proposed constitutional amendment based on a bill **Assemblyman David Buchwald sponsored (A.1749)**. Here is some information about the proposal as you make your decision.

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# A Proposed New York State Constitutional Amendment that You Will Have an Opportunity to Vote on this November

**Proposal Number Two on the ballot will read as follows:** The proposed amendment to section 7 of Article 2 of the State Constitution would allow a court to reduce or revoke the public pension of a public officer who is convicted of a felony that has a direct and actual relationship to the performance of the public officer's existing duties. Shall the proposed amendment be approved?

**Here is a summary of the proposed constitutional amendment:** New York's Constitution now provides that the benefits of a public pension or retirement system cannot be reduced or impaired. The purpose of the proposed amendment is to allow a court to reduce or revoke the pension of a public officer who is convicted of a felony that has a direct and actual relationship to the performance of the public officer's existing duties. A court would determine, after notice to the public officer and a hearing, if a public officer convicted of such a felony would lose part or all of the pension.

This change in law would apply to public officers. Under this measure that would include any person filling an elected office, appointed by the Governor, a city, town or village manager, heads of state and local government departments, judges, the chief fiscal officer of local governments, and certain government employees designated as policy-makers.



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