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**New York State Dept. of State Revised Charter of Greater
New York Sent to the Mayor A0210**

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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	This series consists of one bound volume containing the certified copy of the bill revising the New York City charter that was transmitted to the mayor for approval and comment. In addition to the 1,165 page bill, the volume also includes Mayor Robert A. Van Wyck's thirty-eight page response explaining why the bill had not been accepted.
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Administrative History

"An act to amend the Greater New York charter, chapter three hundred and seventy-eight of the laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-seven" was passed by the state legislature on April 4, 1901. A certified copy of the bill revising the New York City charter was then transmitted to Mayor Robert A. Van Wyck for approval and comment. Van Wyck signed and returned the bill to the legislature on April 18, certifying that it had "not been accepted by The City of New York nor by the Mayor."

Van Wyck appended to the bill, a thirty-eight page statement explaining his objections to the revised charter. The mayor concluded his response by referring to the bill as "a charter in which, even in the limited time that has intervened since its passage, there have been found so many extreme and radical changes which the experiences of the past show can only result in disaster to the people of the City." Despite Van Wyck's objections, Governor Benjamin B. Odell, Jr. signed the charter revision into law on April 22 as Chapter 466 of the Laws of 1901.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

Volume is fragile and must be handled under supervision of State Archives staff. Researchers interested solely in the text of the act are advised to consult published versions of the New York State session laws.

Access Terms

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- Charters
- Registering
- New York (State)
- Charters