

Amending The Rules Of Order To Modify Resolution Deadline

Referred to: The Laws and Rules, Governmental Services Committee (Chairman Roberts and Legislators Donaldson, Haynes, Heppner, and James Maloney)

Legislator Hector Rodriguez offers the following:

WHEREAS, the current process utilized for submission of certain resolutions allows for Chairs and Deputies of Standing Committees to be automatic sponsors of said resolutions without any knowledge of resolution content prior to the time they are officially filed; and

WHEREAS, Legislators who sponsor resolutions have a responsibility to fully understand the legislation they are proposing; and

WHEREAS, the current submission process allows for a Legislator to be listed as a sponsor of a measure they may oppose; and

WHEREAS, the current process additionally leaves little time for Legislators to review resolutions prior to consideration in some Committees; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature believes it is possible to help alleviate these concerns by modifying resolution deadline to be two days sooner; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Rule 3. Resolutions, Local Laws, Rules For Procedure for Presentation and Consideration, Section C. Procedure for the submission and consideration of Resolutions in Committee, subsection (a) Regular Resolutions paragraph one, is hereby amended to read as follows:

(a) Regular Resolutions. Resolutions shall be deemed Regular Resolutions if they are filed with the Clerk of the Legislature not later than 12:00 Noon ~~five~~ **seven** days in advance of the first Regular meeting date of Committees for that Legislative Calendar Month. Regular Resolutions once filed shall be placed on the Committee Agenda of the next Regular meeting of the Committee of Original Jurisdiction unless all Sponsors of the Regular Resolution request it be referred to a later meeting of the Committee. As part of the Annual Legislative Calendar, the Clerk shall identify the Regular Meeting dates of each Committee of the Legislature. The Clerk of the Legislature shall provide to the Members of the Legislature the deadline for submission of Regular Resolutions as soon as practicable for the Calendar year;

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Rule 2, entitled “AMENDMENT OF RULES,” of the Rules of Order of the Ulster County Legislature, this resolution and the amendment proposed herein shall be read at two consecutive meetings of the Ulster County Legislature, and, be it further

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RESOLVED, that this rule change shall take effect upon an affirmative vote of this body subsequent to two consecutive readings,

and moves its adoption.

FIRST READING:

SECOND READING:

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

Postponed in Committee: Laws and Rules, Governmental Services on May 14, 2018

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

NONE