

**Providing Recommendation In Relation To Selection Of Poll Sites For Successful Early Voting Implementation In Ulster County**

The Laws and Rules, Governmental Services Committee (Chairman Donaldson and Legislators Heppner, Roberts, Rodriguez, and Ronk)

Chairman of the Laws and Rules, Governmental Services Committee, David B. Donaldson, and Legislators Archer, Bartels, Delaune, Eckert, Greene, Heppner, and Rodriguez, offer the following:

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature adopted early voting in January of 2019 in an effort to enhance voter participation; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Board of Elections has received funding to allocate to counties based on the number of early voting locations and voter enrollment to assist with the implementation of early voting; and

WHEREAS, the Early Voting Law requires designation of poll sites to consider criteria such as population density, travel time to early voting location from the voter place of residence; whether the early voting site is on or near public transportation routes and commuter traffic patterns; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Board of Elections has identified the need for at least seven early voting locations given the geography of Ulster County; and

WHEREAS, The City of Kingston and the Villages of Saugerties, New Paltz and Ellenville are the most densely populated areas in the County; and

WHEREAS, The City of Kingston and the Villages of Saugerties, New Paltz and Ellenville are the most accessible to public transportation; and now, therefore be it

~~WHEREAS, SUNY New Paltz has offered the use of the Student Union Building at no cost to the Board of Elections; and~~

~~WHEREAS, SUNY Ulster S.T.R.I.V.E. located in the City of Kingston has offered the use of their facility at no cost to the Board of Elections; and~~

~~WHEREAS, the Village of Ellenville has offered the use of their facility at no cost to the Board of Elections; and~~

~~WHEREAS, The Town of Saugerties has offered use of their facilities at no cost to the Board of Elections; now, therefore be it~~

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RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature recommends the Board of Elections, at a minimum, designate early voting polling centers to be located in the City of Kingston, the Village of Saugerties, Village of New Paltz and Village of Ellenville in order to enhance voter participation of Ulster County residents and shall provide appropriate provisions for appropriations to achieve a successful early voting plan; **and, be it further**

**RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature implores the duly appointed Election Commissioners of the County of Ulster to resume negotiations and come to an agreement prior to the state imposed deadline that provides for the greatest access to early voting for all voting populations in Ulster County,**

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 20                      NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator James Maloney)  
(Legislator Roberts left at 7:45 PM)  
(Legislator Lopez left at 10:37 PM)

Passed Committee: Laws and Rules, Governmental Services on May 20, 2019

FINANCIAL IMPACT:  
NONE

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Legislator Ronk motioned, seconded by Legislator Maio, to amend the Resolution to strike the last six WHEREAS clauses and to add an additional RESOLVED clause to read as follows:

“RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature implores and directs the duly appointed Election Commissioners of the County of Ulster to resume negotiations and come to an agreement prior to the state imposed deadline that provides for the greatest access to early voting for all voting populations in Ulster County,”

MOTION DEFEATED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 9                      NOES: 12  
(AYES: Legislators Fabiano, Gerentine, Haynes, Litts,  
Lopez, Maio, Ronk, Wawro, and Woltman)  
(Absent: Legislator James Maloney)  
(Legislator Roberts left at 7:45 PM)

Legislator Nolan motioned, seconded by Legislator Donaldson, to amend the Resolution to strike the last four WHEREAS clauses and to add an additional RESOLVED clause as indicated above in bold.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 16                      NOES: 5  
(Noes: Legislators Archer, Delaune, Eckert, Joseph  
Maloney, and Petit)  
(Absent: Legislator James Maloney)  
(Legislator Roberts left at 7:45 PM)

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STATE OF NEW YORK

ss:

COUNTY OF ULSTER

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is the original resolution adopted by the Ulster County Legislature on the 21<sup>st</sup> Day of May in the year Two Thousand and Nineteen, and said resolution shall remain on file in the office of said clerk.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 22<sup>nd</sup> Day of May in the year Two Thousand and Nineteen.

|s| Victoria A. Fabella  
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk  
Ulster County Legislature