

Amending The Rules Of Order Of The Ulster County Legislature

Referred to: The Laws and Rules, Governmental Services Committee (Chairman Richard Parete and Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Roberts, and Ronk)

Legislator Lynn Archer and Legislators Loughran and Provenzano offer the following:

WHEREAS, the Rules of Order of the Ulster County Legislature adopted on January 7, 2014, and amended on June 17, 2014, were crafted through the Ulster County Legislature's Committee process, in a bi-partisan, transparent manner; and

WHEREAS, since adoption, situations have arisen that demonstrate the need for clarification in certain sections of said Rules of Order; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature believes that in order to more effectively and fairly operate the policy making branch of government, it has become necessary to amend said Rules of Order; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that RULE 3. RESOLUTIONS, LOCAL LAWS, RULES FOR PROCEDURE FOR PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION; E. Petition to Discharge; (c) is hereby amended as follows:

“(c) Thereafter if Legislators shall sign the Petition to Discharge, as described above, **the Resolution** shall be referred to the next full meeting of the County Legislature for a vote provided such full meeting is at least ten days from the date the minimum number of signatures needed pursuant to these Rules have been made upon (or with the authorization of the Legislator placed upon) the Petition to Discharge. **The Resolution discharged may be adopted, defeated, or referred back to Committee. If the previously discharged Resolution is referred back to Committee and defeated therein and a second Petition to Discharge is successfully executed, the Resolution shall only be subject to a vote to adopt or be defeated.**”; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that RULE 7. RULES FOR COMMITTEES; C. is hereby amended as follows:

“C. An agenda of all matters before a committee shall be prepared by the Clerk of the Legislature upon request of the Chairperson of a Committee. **The Agenda of all Committee meetings must include all Regular Resolutions referred to said committee that were filed in accordance with the Rules of Order of the Legislature, unless all Sponsors of the Regular Resolution request it be referred to a later meeting of the Committee.**”; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, that these Rule changes shall take effect upon an affirmative vote of this body subsequent to two consecutive readings,
and move its adoption.

FIRST READING: March 17, 2015

SECOND READING: April 21, 2015

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 20 NOES: 2
(Noes: Legislators Donaldson and Roberts)
(Absent: Legislator Wishnick)

Defeated in Committee: Laws and Rules, Governmental Services on February 10, 2015

Petition to Discharge successfully executed on February 11, 2015

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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 21st Day of April in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen, 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 23rd Day of April in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen.

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