

Amending The Rules Of Order In Relation Appointing Authority Of Legislative Staff

Referred to: The Laws and Rules, Governmental Services Committee (Chairman Roberts and Legislators Belfiglio, Donaldson, Lopez, Loughran, R. Parete and Rodriguez)

Chairman Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr. offers the following:

WHEREAS, the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature is appointed by the Legislative body; and

WHEREAS, there is tremendous value in maintaining a staff with institutional knowledge whose members are appointed on the basis of qualifications and not politics; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Ulster County Legislature to amend Rule 11 of the Rules of Order of the Ulster County Legislature to maintain the most professional office possible to equally serve all members of the Legislative body as well as the public; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Rule 11. Clerk of the Legislature; Duties. A. is hereby amended to read as follows:

RULE 11. CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE; DUTIES.

A. During the first organizational meeting for each new County Legislature, a Clerk of the County Legislature shall be appointed by resolution by the County Legislature and such appointed Clerk shall serve for the duration of the appointing Legislature's term. In the event of vacancy, the Legislature shall appoint by resolution a new Clerk of the Legislature. The removal of the Clerk shall only be done by resolution with a favorable vote of at least three-fifths of the whole number of the Legislature. Deputy Clerks and employees of the Legislature shall be appointed in accordance with the Rules of Order of the Legislature. [Amended pursuant to Local Law No. 1 of 2017.]
~~The Chairperson may appoint such Deputy Clerks and employees as the Legislature may require.~~

1. The Clerk of the Legislature may appoint such Deputy Clerks and employees as the Legislature may require.

2. The Chairperson may appoint a confidential secretary to the Chairperson to report directly to and serve at the pleasure of the Chairperson.

and, be it further

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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

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: September 19, 2017

SECOND READING: October 17, 2017

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 17 NOES: 5
(Noes: Legislators Bartels, Berky, Greene,
Heppner, and Rodriguez)
(Absent: Legislator Delaune)

Passed Committee: Laws and Rules, Governmental Services on September 18, 2017

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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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 17th Day of October in the year Two Thousand and Seventeen, 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 19th Day of October in the year Two Thousand and Seventeen.

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