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### **Ulster County Legislature Approves Minimum Staffing Levels for Board of Elections**

(Kingston, NY) – At its December 17, 2024 Session the Ulster County Legislature unanimously approved Resolution No. 597, establishing minimum staffing levels at the Ulster County Board of Elections.

The policy established through Resolution No. 597 requires the Board of Elections to maintain a minimum of four employees in addition to the Commissioners and Deputies and has built in requirements to employ two additional employees for every 20,000 active registered voters above 40,000, as determined by the New York State Board of Elections. As of November 1, 2024 there are 140,431 registered voters in Ulster County. Presently, there are ten employees working at the Board of Elections, already in compliance with the new requirement.

“Ensuring the Board of Elections has the appropriate level of staff for our voters will improve voter experience, allow the Board to respond to phone calls and questions from the public and canvass the results of elections in a timely manner and by setting this automatic benchmark and ensuring two employees are hired each time, we have removed an element of the politics of operating the Board. I look forward to seeing our Board of Elections expand to fit the needs of Ulster County,” **said Legislator Jason Kovacs (District 3 - Saugerties, Ulster, Town of Kingston), Chair of the Laws, Rules & Government Services Committee and Sponsor of the Resolution.**

“The Ulster County Board of Elections is a model across the state on how bipartisan collaboration and creativity can foster a better voter experience and increase turnout. I thank my colleagues for supporting this Resolution as well as the diligent employees at the Board of Elections for the tireless work they provide to ensure our elections run smoothly,” **said Deputy Majority Leader Aaron Levine (District 1 – Saugerties, Woodstock), Sponsor of the Resolution.**

Full text of Resolution No. 597 can be found [here](#).

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