

Requesting Transfer Of Funds From Contingent Account For Payment To The New York State Office Of General Services – County’s Share Of New Voting Machines – Amending The 2008 Ulster County Budget – Board Of Elections

The Laws and Rules Committee (Chairman Bischoff and Legislators Decker, Rodriguez, Shapiro, Cummings, Maloney and Roberts) offers the following:

WHEREAS, under the Help America Vote Act (“HAVA”), all polling places and voting machines must be fully accessible to people with disabilities, and

WHEREAS, New York State acting under a consent decree with the United States Department of Justice, has agreed to comply with this requirement for the 2008 primary and general election, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution Nos. 129 and 130 dated April 11, 2007, and as amended by Resolution No. 51 dated February 19, 2008, the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature was authorized to enter into HAVA Contracts with the New York State Board of Elections for certain state funds to improve access to polling places for people with disabilities, and

WHEREAS, under HAVA, funds have been made available to the state for the purchase of such machines and under New York Election Law, each County is required to pay a five percent (5%) “match” of the total cost of such new voting technology, and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the Ulster County Board of Elections have ordered new voting machines for people with disabilities through the New York State Office of General Services (OGS) for a total cost of \$1,269,000.00 and 5% of that amount is \$63,450.00, and

WHEREAS, such funds are due to be paid to the OGS on or before April 18, 2008 and the Commissioners of the Ulster County Board of Elections are requesting that \$63,450.00 be transferred from the contingent account for this payment, and

WHEREAS, the Law and Rules Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval, and

WHEREAS, the Ways and Means Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval.

RESOLVED, that the 2008 Ulster County Budget is hereby amended as follows:

Resolution No. 129 April 9, 2008

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TRANSFER

<u>FROM</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
A4-1331-4553 (App. #)	Contingent Account	\$63,450.00
<u>TO</u>		<u>AMOUNT</u>
A4-1176-2050 (App. #)	Voting Machines	\$63,450.00

FURTHER RESOLVED, if State and/or Federal funding for this program is eliminated, this program will be eliminated as well,
and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 30 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Donaldson, Gerentine and Kraft)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$ 63,450.00 – TRANSFER FROM CONTINGENT ACCOUNT
(5% COUNTY SHARE – NEW VOTING MACHINES)
\$1,205,550.00 – STATE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS
\$1,269,000.00 – TOTAL COST NEW VOTING MACHINES