

**Requesting The Consolidation Of Vital Statistics Registration Districts**

Referred to: The Health and Personnel Committee (Chairman Aiello and Legislators Belfiglio, Ronk, Robert Parete and Provenzano) and

Legislators Kenneth Ronk, Craig Lopez, and Thomas J. Briggs offer the following:

WHEREAS, the maintenance and issuance of birth and death certificates is currently the responsibility of 1,452 different entities in the State of New York, and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 6,400 vital statistics registration districts in the United States, and New York comprises nearly a quarter of the districts nationwide, and

WHEREAS, in addition to municipalities, hospitals, charitable organizations, and penal institutions may also be a separate vital statistics registration district, and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the New York State Health Department has the power to consolidate two or more vital statistics registration districts into a single district, and

WHEREAS, Governor Cuomo's Commission on Local Government Efficiency and Competitiveness encourages consolidation of vital statistics registration districts to create efficiency and consistent administration of records, and

WHEREAS, there are two New York State correctional facilities in Ulster County located in the Towns of Shawangunk and Wawarsing which are currently separate vital statistics registration districts, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Corrections desires to consolidate the correctional facilities' vital statistics registration districts with the Town of Shawangunk and the Town of Wawarsing, and

WHEREAS, the Town Clerks of Shawangunk and Wawarsing have agreed to serve as the registrar of vital statistics for the correctional facilities, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature hereby requests that the New York State Commissioner of Health consolidate the Wallkill Correctional Facility vital statistics registration district (District #5592) with that of the Town of Shawangunk vital statistics registration district (District #5566) and consolidate the Eastern Correctional facility vital statistics registration district (District #5591) with

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the Town of Wawarsing vital statistics registration district (District #5568), and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Health, the Town Clerk of Shawangunk, the Town Clerk of Wawarsing, and the Administrators at the Wallkill and Eastern Correctional Facilities,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(LEGISLATOR AIELLO ABSENT)

Passed Committee: Health and Personnel Committee on June 4, 2012

FINANCIAL IMPACT:  
NONE

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STATE OF NEW YORK  
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COUNTY OF ULSTER

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Deputy Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution now on file in the office of said clerk, and which was adopted by said Legislature on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 20<sup>th</sup> Day of June in the year Two Thousand and Twelve.

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Fawn A. Tantillo, Deputy Clerk  
Ulster County Legislature

Submitted to the County Executive this  
20<sup>th</sup> Day of June, 2012.

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Fawn A. Tantillo, Deputy Clerk

Approved by the County Executive this  
\_\_\_\_\_ Day of June, 2012.

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Michael P. Hein, County Executive