

**Amending The Rules Of Order To Eliminate Automatic Discharge  
Of A Resolution After 120 Days**

Referred to: The Laws and Rules, Governmental Services Committee (Chairman Roberts and Legislators Fabiano, Maio, Ronk, Donaldson, Loughran and Robert Parete)

Legislators Peter M. Loughran and Kenneth J. Ronk offer the following:

WHEREAS, the Legislative Standing Committee process is designed for each resolution to be carefully examined and vetted in a bipartisan environment; and

WHEREAS, the Rules of Order adopted on July 23, 2013 include a structured mechanism to allow a defeated resolution to be discharged from Committee to be considered by the full Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, no resolution should be automatically discharged to the floor after failing to gain approval from the Committee System or the respective caucus's; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Ulster County Legislature to amend Rule 3, entitled "*RESOLUTIONS, LOCAL LAWS, RULES FOR PROCEDURE FOR PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION*," of the Rules of Order of the Ulster County Legislature to eliminate the automatic discharge of a resolution after 120 days; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Rule 3 E (b) of the Rules of Order of the Ulster County Legislature shall be amended to delete the words "within one hundred twenty days of such Petition's being filed with the Clerk"; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that Rule 3 of the Rules of Order of the Ulster County Legislature shall be further amended to delete Section E (d); and, be it further

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 prior to its adoption; 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.

**Resolution No. 232      August 20, 2013**

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**FIRST READING:    August 20, 2013**

**SECOND READING:**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

Defeated in Committee: Laws and Rules, Governmental Services on August 19, 2013

Petition to Discharge executed August 20, 2013

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

NONE