

Requesting The Formation Of A Committee To Serve As An Open Forum For Reviewing Information And Advising On Matters That Pertain To The “Help America Vote Act” (HAVA)

The Government Efficiency and Reform Committee (Chairman Noonan and Legislators Busick, Harris, Maloney, Lomita, R.S. Parete and Shapiro) offers the following:

WHEREAS, the “Help America Vote Act” (HAVA), is an item of United States Federal Election Law passed on October 29, 2002, and

WHEREAS, enacting HAVA legislation will result in additional mandated costs and have a major budgetary impact on Ulster County and individual municipalities, and

WHEREAS, spending for transportation, storage and additional personnel will result in annual budgetary increases for HAVA, and

WHEREAS, New York State legislation offers individual counties the right to choose and purchase new voting equipment under the provisions of HAVA, and

WHEREAS, continued use of our traditional “lever” style voting machines is an option that Ulster County may wish to pursue, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature and the Ulster County Board of Elections wish to keep the public informed on matters and decisions that pertain to HAVA, and

WHEREAS, the Government Efficiency and Reform Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval.

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature create a Special Committee of the Legislature, which will serve as an open forum for reviewing information and advising on matters that pertain to HAVA, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that said committee will consist of four members from the majority and three members from the minority as chosen by their respective leadership, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that said committee will invite representatives from the Ulster County Board of Elections to participate with the Special Committee, and

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FURTHER RESOLVED, that said committee will invite a member of the Ulster County Town Clerks Association to participate and advise the Special Committee and also invite a liaison member of the public who shall be chosen by the members of the committee to participate and advise the Special Committee,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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