

Authorizing The County Of Ulster To Charge Back The Towns And The City Of Kingston For The Cost Of Elections Support

The Efficiency, Reform and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee (Chairman Bischoff and Legislators Bartels, Liepmann, Rodriguez, Shapiro, Busick and Cummings) offers the following:

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York State Election Law, Article 4, Section 4-136, "...the expenses of providing polling places, voting booths, supplies thereof, ballot boxes and other furniture for the polling place for any election, including the storage, transportation and maintenance of voting machines, appliances and equipment or ballot counting devices, and the compensation of the election officers in each election district, shall be a charge upon the county in which such election district is situated..." and

WHEREAS, New York State Election Law, Article 4, Section 4-136 also states that "All expenses incurred under this chapter by the board of elections of a county outside the city of New York shall be a charge against the county... The expenses incurred by the board of elections of a county outside the city of New York may, pursuant to section 3-226 of this chapter, be apportioned among the cities and towns therein, or in the case of a village election held other than at the time of the fall primary or general election, apportioned to such villages therein," and

WHEREAS, the Efficiency, Reform and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee has met and voted to charge back the towns and the City of Kingston based on the number of registered voters on the last day to register for the general election in any given year, as prescribed by NYS Election Law, and

WHEREAS, the calculation of such chargebacks will be based on the difference between the 2005 actual County costs and the current year actual County costs, and

WHEREAS, chargebacks will be billed on a pro rata basis to each municipality following a full accounting of all election expenses in any given year, and

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

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature authorizes charging back the towns and the City of Kingston for the expenses incurred by the Board of Elections based on the number of registered voters on the last day to register for the general election in any given year, and

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and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 30 NOES: 1
(NOES: Legislator Roberti)
(Absent: Legislators Alfonso and Every)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
TO BE DETERMINED ANNUALLY