

## Legislation Text

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**Narrative of Resolution:**

To amend Resolution No. 386-13 to increase the compensation for County appointed Language Interpreter Services.

**If Resolution requires expenditure of County Funds, provide the following information:**

**Amount to be authorized by Resolution:** \$2,000

**Are funds already budgeted?** No

**Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:** N/A

**INTRODUCED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 386-13  
REGARDING COMPENSATION FOR COURT APPOINTED LANGUAGE INTERPRETER  
SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, an individual charged with a crime is guaranteed the ability to understand the nature of the proceedings against him pursuant to Article 1 Section 6 of the New York State Constitution,, and

**WHEREAS**, many people arrested within Sullivan County are not sufficiently fluent in the English language to understand the nature of the criminal proceedings against them and who cannot afford to pay for language interpreter services, and

**WHEREAS**, under such circumstances, town and village courts are required to provide language interpreter services, with the cost under these circumstances being a charge upon the county within which the court is located, pursuant to Sections 386 and 387 of the Judiciary Law; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution No. 386-13 the rate was amended to increase the per hour fee to no more than thirty dollars per hour, and as necessary or required by individual circumstances the County Manager shall be authorized to permit payment in excess of thirty dollars an hour or a daily rate and/or travel time for court appointed language interpreter services effective July 1, 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need due to increased costs for travel and time for such language interpreter services to increase the per hour fee to no more than forty dollars per hour; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Resolution No. 386-13 is hereby amended to increase the per hour fee to no more than forty dollars per hour, and as necessary or required by individual circumstances the County Manager shall continue to authorize payment in excess of forty dollars an hour or a daily rate and/or travel time for court appointed language interpreter services effective immediately and shall, in such cases set forth on the payment voucher for such sums the reason for the greater payment.