

Legislation Text

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Narrative of Resolution:

Calling on the State of New York to provide Funding to Counties and County Boards of Elections

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

Amount to be authorized by Resolution: 0

Are funds already budgeted? Choose an item.

Specify Compliance with Procurement Procedures:

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CALLING ON THE STATE TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO COUNTIES AND COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS FOR THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS TO HIRE ADDITIONAL ELECTION STAFF AND TO PROVIDE MORE FLEXIBILITY WITH EARLY VOTING SITES

WHEREAS, county boards of elections are responsible for managing election operations and paying for all or most of the costs of these operations.; and

WHEREAS, election reforms in recent years have helped to strengthen our democracy, by expanding access to voting through early voting, no excuse mail in ballots, and other reforms; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Senate this year has passed a package of new election reform measures that include establishing portable early voting polling locations, creating absentee ballot drop-off locations, regulating a statewide voter database, and establishing new hiring and training requirements for county boards of elections.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sullivan County Legislature hereby calls on the State to provide financial support to counties and county boards of elections necessary to comply with any and all new statewide election management requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Sullivan County Legislature also applauds the state for granting county boards of elections with more flexibility when siting and operating early voting polling sites to make the process more convenient and efficient without curbing access to voting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sullivan County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, New York State Association of Counties and all others deemed necessary and proper.