

LOCAL LAW NO. "M" FOR 2018

A LOCAL LAW OF THE COUNTY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AMENDING SECTION 206 OF THE ALBANY COUNTY CHARTER AND LOCAL LAW NO. 8 FOR 1993 AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESTRUCTURING THE LEGISLATURE BY REDUCING THE NUMBER OF LEGISLATORS

Introduced: 5/14/18

By Messrs. Higgins, Dawson, Domalewicz, O'Brien, Ms. Cunningham, McLean Lane, Messrs. Mayo, Mendick, Ms. Plotsky, and Mr. Reinhardt:

PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 10 AND 33 OF THE MUNICIPAL HOME RULE LAW AND SECTION 2701 OF THE ALBANY COUNTY CHARTER
BE IT ENACTED by the Albany County Legislature as follows:

SECTION 1. The Albany County Charter is hereby amended by amending Section 206. Districts to read as follows:

Section 206. Districts. For the purpose of electing County Legislators, the County shall be divided into [thirty] twenty nine districts. One County Legislator shall be elected to the County Legislature of the County from each of the districts. The [thirty] twenty nine districts within the County shall be as described in apportionment plans duly adopted by the County Legislature.

SECTION 2. Upon release of the 2020 federal census and thereafter, the County Legislature shall redraw legislative boundaries to provide for twenty nine (29) [five (25)] legislative districts, effective for the 2023 general election and thereafter, with the term of office to commence January 1, 2024, and amend the Administrative Code to define the redrawn legislative districts.

SECTION 3. Severability. If any article, section, subsection, paragraph, phrase or sentence of this local law is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, that portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion hereof.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. Pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law sections 23 and 33, this local law shall not become operative unless and until this local law is approved by the duly qualified voters of Albany County in the manner prescribed by law at a election occurring after the adoption this local law.

Referred to Law Committee – 5/14/18

Without Recommendation Law Committee – 4/25/19

Referred to Law Committee – 5/13/19

Without Recommendation Law Committee – 6/24/19

On long roll call vote the following members voted in favor: Mr. Burgdorf, Ms. Cunningham, Messrs. Dawson, Domalewicz, Grimm, Higgins, A. Joyce, Mauriello, Mayo, Ms. McLean Lane, Messrs. Mendick, O'Brien, Ms. Plotsky, Messrs. Reinhardt and Stevens– 15

Those opposed – Messrs. Beston, Bullock, Cahill, Ms. Chapman, Messrs. Clay, Commisso, Crouse, Ethier, Feeney, Fein, Frainier, Hogan, R. Joyce, Mss. Lekakis, Lockart, Ms. McKnight, Messrs. Miller, Simpson, Smith, Touchette, Tunny and Ward – 22

Local Law was defeated – 7/8/19