

## RESOLUTION NO. 219

### AMENDING THE ALBANY COUNTY LEGISLATURE'S RULES OF ORDER

Introduced: 5/13/19

By: Mr. Ethier

WHEREAS, The Albany County Legislature has adopted Rules of Order (the Rules) to detail the steps of the legislative process, organize the various committees and maintain order and decorum as a legislative body, and

WHEREAS, Rule 23 of the Rules of Order states that when a legislative item is referred to committee(s) by the Chairperson, that such item shall be returned to the floor of the Legislature for action of the whole body by the second regular monthly meeting of the body or within sixty (60) days whichever is longer, and

WHEREAS, In order to clarify the meaning of such section and further define the actions required by the committees regarding such items, an amendment to the Rules is necessary, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature, that Rule 23 is amended to read as follows:

#### “Rule 23 – REFERRALS TO COMMITTEE

The Chairperson may at any time on his own motion refer any communication, petition, report, local law or resolution when offered or presented to such committee as he deems proper. Said local law or resolution shall be returned to the floor of the Legislature for action of the whole body by the second regular monthly meeting of the body or within sixty (60) days whichever is longer, excluding any days which the Local Law or Resolution has been tabled at the request of the sponsor.

A committee may table a Local Law or Resolution at their own motion if (a) the committee has not tabled such item previously, or (b) such Local Law or Resolution does not comport with the legislative Rules of Order or applicable provisions of law.”

and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Legislature forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Chairperson of the Legislature and the appropriate County Officials.

*Referred to Law Committee - 5/13/19*

*Favorable Recommendation Law Committee – 10/28/19*

*Adopted by unanimous vote – 11/12/19*