

RESOLUTION NO. 234a

AMENDING THE ALBANY COUNTY LEGISLATIVE RULES OF ORDER PERTAINING TO RULE 11

Introduced: 5/14/18
By Mr. Signoracci:

WHEREAS, Rule 11 of the Albany County Legislative Rules of Order provide the process in which individual pieces of legislation may be submitted for consideration by the full body of the Legislature, and,

WHEREAS, Currently, the submission of legislation on behalf of members of the Legislature occurs on a different date than the submission of requests for legislative action made by the various county departments and separately elected officials, and

WHEREAS, It is in the interest of the Legislature to streamline the administrative process regarding the submission of items and creating a uniform deadline for the submission of items for consideration, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature, that Rule 11 of the Legislative Rules of Order is hereby amended to read as follows:

RULE 11 - LEGISLATION PROCEDURE

Each resolution shall be consecutively numbered and the title shall state concisely the subject matter thereof. [All] **R**[r]esolutions and local laws which are to be presented to the Legislature for its consideration shall be delivered to the office of the Clerk of the Legislature, County Attorney and Majority and Minority Counsels, by 12:00 noon on the second [~~Wednesday~~] Thursday preceding the date of the organizational meeting, annual meeting or each regular monthly meeting of the Legislature, and by 12:00 noon two (2) business days prior to any special meeting that may be called. The Clerk shall include all such resolutions and proposed local laws in the agenda to be distributed as herein set forth and make available to each legislator such agenda by 4:00 p.m. on the Tuesday preceding such meetings, exclusive of special meetings. The Clerk shall make the agenda for special meetings available one business day prior to the special meeting. Resolutions and local laws not contained in the printed agenda, but which require immediate attention, may be introduced with the consent of the majority of the Legislature with copies provided to members of the Legislature, the County Attorney, Majority and Minority Counsels and the Clerk of the Legislature prior to the start of the Legislative meeting at which the proposed Rule 11 is being offered. Legislation offered under Rule 11 should be of the type where timely passage is of the essence, and legislation offered under lesser circumstances

may not be allowed. Resolutions and Local Laws may alternatively be delivered to the office of the Clerk of the Legislature, and Majority and Minority Counsels, by 12:00 Noon on the second day following the preceding annual or regular monthly meeting of the Legislature in order for such legislation to be presented for consideration before the various Committee(s) as appropriate. Such Resolutions and Local Laws so received shall be deemed referred to the appropriate committee(s) consistent with Rule 23.

Each resolution shall be numbered in consecutive order beginning with number one each year. A resolution shall retain its number throughout the legislative process. However, if a resolution is amended, the letter A for the first time amended, the letter B for the second time amended, and so on shall be added to the resolution number to signify each amendment(s).

Each local law shall be assigned a letter for introduction purposes in consecutive order beginning with the letter A each year. Once duly adopted, a local law shall be assigned a number and numbered in consecutive order starting with the number one beginning with the first local law adopted each year.

Each resolution or local law shall have a title which shall concisely state the subject matter thereof.

Resolutions and local laws not contained in the printed agenda may only be introduced after all other printed agenda items have been addressed, and only with the consent of the majority of the Legislature, and only if complete copies thereof are provided to each member, the County Attorney, Majority and Minority Counsels and the Legislative Clerk prior to the introduction of said proposed Legislation.”

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the propriety of this amendment to the Legislative Rules of Order will be re-evaluated no later than six (6) months after the date of its adoption to determine if the requirements imposed by this rule present an onerous and/or adverse burden on legislative staff and/or the legislative process;

and it is further:

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

Referred to Law Committee – 5/14/18

Favorable Recommendation of Law Committee – 6/25/2018

Referred to Law Committee – 7/9/18

Without Recommendation Law Committee – 7/23/18

On roll call the following voted in favor: Messrs. Beston, Clenahan, Domalewicz, Ethier, Feeney, Higgins, Signoracci and Ward – 8

Those opposed: Messrs. Bullock, Burgdorf, Ms. Chapman, Messrs. Commisso, Crouse, Ms. Cunningham, Messrs. Dawson, Drake, Fein, Grimm, Hogan, A. Joyce, R. Joyce, Mss. Lekakis, Lockart, Mr. Mayo, Mss. McKnight, McLean Lane, Messrs. Mendick, Miller, O'Brien, Ms. Plotsky, Messrs. Reinhardt, Simpson, Smith, Stevens, Touchette, and Tunny – 28

Resolution was defeated – 8/13/18