

RESOLUTION NO. 83

TRANSPARENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR AMENDED RESOLUTIONS OR LOCAL LAWS

Introduced: 2/9/16

By Messrs. Mendick, Burgdorf, Dawson, Higgins, Mauriello, Ms. McLean Lane and Mr. Stevens:

WHEREAS, Currently when Resolutions and Local Laws are amended by a member of the Albany County Legislature, there is no way to define what is new language, what was old language, what has been deleted and what has been added, and

WHEREAS, This Honorable Body has, on occasion, amended Resolutions and Local Laws numerous times before coming to a final draft, and

WHEREAS, It is difficult to decipher all the changes and to make an accurate assessment of those changes, and

WHEREAS, This Honorable Body desires its Resolutions and Local Laws be as transparent as possible, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That Resolutions and Local Laws amended by adding to or deleting existing language, during the Legislative process, prior to a full vote of the Albany County Legislature:

- A. All NEW language to be added or inserted in a proposed Resolution or Local Law be underscored;
- B. All language to be DELETED in a proposed Resolution or Local Law be printed in its proper place and enclosed in brackets;
- C. Whenever it is proposed to amend only part of a word and/or sentence, the DELETED whole of such word and/or sentence shall be printed in its proper place enclosed in black-faced brackets and the NEW whole word as proposed shall be underscored;
- D. The underline and bracket editing is for the amendments from the most recent version of the Resolution or Local Law; for example amendments in version C will only have the changes underlined or bracketed from amendments in version C, not the changes in version B. This is to avoid possible misunderstandings which could occur if changes were underlined and bracketed and then carried through multiple versions; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the above changes will take effect immediately after the passage of this resolution, and, be it further

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

Referred to Law Committee. 2/9/16