

LOCAL LAW NO. "K" FOR 2014

A LOCAL LAW OF THE COUNTY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AMENDING THE ALBANY COUNTY CHARTER FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESTRUCTURING THE LEGISLATURE BY REDUCING THE NUMBER OF LEGISLATORS

Introduced: 12/29/14

By Messrs. Morse, Feeney, Jacobson, Higgins, Dawson and O'Brien:

PURSUANT TO SECTION 33 OF THE MUNICIPAL HOME RULE LAW AND SECTION 2702 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 twenty-nine districts effective after the 2020 federal census for the purpose of reapportioning the districts. One County Legislator shall be elected to the County Legislature of the County from each of the districts. The twenty-nine districts within the County shall be as described in apportionment plans duly adopted by the County Legislature.

SECTION 2. 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 3. Effective Date. Pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law Section 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 general election occurring not less than sixty days after the adoption of this local law.

Referred to Law Committee. 1/12/15

Favorable recommendation – Law Committee. 1/26/15

Referred to Special Charter Review Committee. 2/10/15

Without Recommendation – Special Charter Review Committee. 4/29/15

On roll call vote the following voted in favor: Mss. Benedict, Busch, Messrs. Carman, Clouse, Cotrofeld, Crouse, Dawson, Domalewicz, Feeney, Higgins, Hogan, Jacobson, Ms. Lockart, Messrs. Mayo, Mendick, O'Brien, Stevens and Tunny – 18

Those opposed: Messrs. Beston, Bullock, Ms. Chapman, Messrs. Clay, Clenahan, Commisso, Ms. Connolly, Messrs. Corcoran, Ethier, Joyce, Ms. Kinsch, Mr. Mackey, Mss. Maffia-Tobler, McKnight, McLean Lane, Messrs. Morse, Nichols, Rahm, Reilly, Simpson and Ward – 21.

Local Law was defeated. 5/11/15