

RESOLUTION NO. 308

ESTABLISHING A SYSTEM OF CHECKS AND BALANCES FOR ADOPTED LEGISLATION OF ALBANY COUNTY

Introduced: 8/13/12

By Ms. Benedict and Mr. Carman:

WHEREAS, The Albany County Legislature votes on Local Laws and Resolutions pertaining to the budget with the understanding that the legislation is in its final form and has already been revised and vetted through the committee process, and

WHEREAS, Never is it the intent of this Honorable Body to pass a piece of Legislation, a Budget or a Law that would need to be tweaked, cleaned up or amended after the Legislative process has concluded, and

WHEREAS, In the past, Legislation and budgets approved by this Honorable Body have, for some reason, been altered after the final vote has been taken and prior to the final filing, and

WHEREAS, Such actions may deprive members of this Honorable Body of their authority and the public's trust in government, and

WHEREAS, The altering of Albany County Legislation that has already been voted on by this Honorable Body is not acceptable to the members of this body or to the residents of Albany County, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, No county employee, elected official or counsel has the authority to change or alter any documents, Local Law or Resolution passed by this Honorable Body, and, be it further

RESOLVED, Upon the vote in the affirmative of any Local Law or resolution pertaining to the budget, the Clerk of the Legislature will immediately date and time stamp the document, which will then be signed by the Chairman of the Legislature, the Majority and Minority Leaders, certifying that the signed document is the version that was voted on by this Honorable Body, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the original date and time stamped document after being signed by the Chairman of the Legislature, the Majority and Minority Leaders be forwarded to the County Executive, the County Attorney and any other appropriate County Official, and, be it further

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

Referred to Law Committee. 8/13/12