

RESOLUTION NO. 439-b

ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF CANDIDATES BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE TO VARIOUS PUBLIC AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Introduced: 11/9/09

By Messrs. Nichols, Bullock, Domalewicz, Higgins, Mayo, Scavo, Steck, Clenahan, Law Committee and Mr. Cotrofeld:

WHEREAS, From time to time the legislature of the County of Albany is authorized to appoint or confirm appointments of candidates to various public authorities, boards, committees and commissions, and

WHEREAS, Such entities serving the public's interest and vested by law with much authority and power including the power to condemn private property, incur public debt and effectuate public policy must be directed by independent board members independent of political parties, lobbying firms, and personal and professional relationships, and

WHEREAS, These public authorities, boards, committees and commissions include but are not limited to the Albany County Airport Authority, the Albany County Industrial Development Authority, the Albany County Business Development Corporation, the Community Services Board, the Albany County Health Board, the Albany County Farmland Protection Board, the Albany County Convention and Visitors Board, the Albany County Convention Authority and the Capital District Regional Planning Commission, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, Except appointments in accordance with the NYS Election Law and except any person registered as a lobbyist who is an elected official who lobbies solely on behalf of the municipality he or she represents and except any person who lobbies solely on behalf of a religious organization, any candidate that is currently or has been in the past two years a lobbyist registered under a state or local law shall be ineligible for service on any public authority, board, committee, and commission, and, be it further

RESOLVED, Any candidate who is or has been in the past two years, a relative (including a spouse, domestic partner, parent, child, sibling, mother or father-in-law, son or daughter-in-law, brother or sister-in-law, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, first cousin, or anyone, other than a household employee, living in such person's home) of an executive officer of the public authority, board, committee, and commission or one of its subsidiaries or affiliates, or of a person who is, or in the past two years has been, employed by the public authority in an executive position, or of a person who is himself or herself barred from being an independent member shall be ineligible for a position on any of these authorities, committees, boards and commissions, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That this shall become the policy of Albany County and the Clerk is directed to forward this resolution to the Albany County Executive, Chair of the Albany County Legislature and the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Albany County Legislature.

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