RESOLUTION NO. 345

ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION TO DEVELOP ALTERNATIVES TO THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY

Introduced: 8/8/11 By Mr. Scavo:

WHEREAS, Real property owners in Albany County are struggling to meet their financial obligations including their real property tax bills due to the current state of the economy, and

WHEREAS, This has resulted in economic hardship for residents of Albany County, particularly seniors, and

WHEREAS, It is in the best interests of the residents of Albany County to investigate alternatives to the County real property tax levy as a means to fund government operations, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that a seven (7) member commission to be known as the "Albany County Tax Reform Commission", is established with the membership to be appointed by the Legislature to investigate and develop alternative funding sources for government operations to supplement and/or replace the real property tax levy, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commission establish procedures for public input and suggestions, and, be it 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 Audit and Finance Committee. 8/8/11