

RESOLUTION NO. 45

ESTABLISHING A POLICY REQUIRING DEPARTMENTAL REORGANIZATIONS TO BE APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATURE PRIOR TO IMPLEMENTATION

Introduced: 2/8/10

By Mr. Morse:

WHEREAS, During the review of the 2010 Albany County Budget, members of this Honorable Body were made aware for the first time of reorganizations of certain County departments, and

WHEREAS, These reorganizations were drawn to the Legislature's attention during the late stages of the budget process thus hampering the Legislature's ability to properly review and analyze the benefits or shortcomings of the proposed action, and

WHEREAS, As the policy making body, this Legislature needs to be provided with timely information and an opportunity to make a determination whether a proposed reorganization which affects how the County does business is in the best interests of the residents we all serve, and

WHEREAS, Changing the manner in which services are provided through the budget process or by another means without providing the Legislature an opportunity to review and agree upon the policy change is a disservice to the taxpayers, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that, effective this date, there is hereby established a policy requiring County departments that are contemplating a reorganization to submit a plan to the Legislature for review and approval before any steps are taken towards implementing said reorganization, 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.

Adopted by voice vote. 2/8/10