

## RESOLUTION NO. 170

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

Introduced: 5/8/06

By Mr. Nichols:

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, commissions include but are not limited to the Albany County Airport Authority, the Albany County Industrial Authority, the Albany County Business Development Corporation, the Community Services Board, the Albany County Health Board, the Albany County Farmland Protection Board, and,

WHEREAS, Any candidate who 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 these public authorities, boards, committees, and commissions, and

WHEREAS, Any candidate who is or has been in the past two years serving as a political party chairman, shall be ineligible for service on these public authorities, boards, committees, and commissions, and

WHEREAS, Any candidate who is or has been in the past two years, a relative (including a spouse, 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, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this shall become the policy of Albany County and this resolution shall be submitted to the Albany County Executive, Chairman of the Albany County Legislature and the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Albany County Legislature.

*Referred to Law Committee. 5/8/06*