

Amending The Rules Of Order To Set Procedure For Memorializing Resolutions

Referred to: The Laws and Rules, Governmental Services Committee (Chairman Roberts and Legislators Belfiglio, Donaldson, R. Parete and Rodriguez)

Legislator Richard A. Parete offers the following:

WHEREAS, Monthly Legislative Session is conducted to consider and act on legislation that has a direct and significant impact on our County; and

WHEREAS, the Monthly Legislative Session agendas are often lengthy and contain required business that often generates meaningful debate that involves substantial time; and

WHEREAS, Memorializing Resolutions can take an extraordinary amount of time to debate on the floor; and

WHEREAS, there are other methods of addressing issues of a memorializing nature that can have the same, if not stronger effect, as a Regular Resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Ulster County Legislature to amend Rule 3 of the Rules of Order of the Ulster County Legislature to set procedure for memorializing resolutions, adding C (c); now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Rule 3. Resolutions, Local Laws, Rules For Procedure for Presentation and Consideration, Section C. Procedure for the submission and consideration of Resolutions in Committee, is hereby amended to include an additional subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c). Memorializing Resolutions. Any resolution which memorializes the New York State Legislature, Congress of the United States, or any other legislative body to take an action which will not require a home rule message, shall be referred to the Clerk of the Legislature for the purpose of reading as a communication. The resolution shall then be labeled a petition by Ulster County Legislators, and shall be sent electronically to all members of the Ulster County Legislature. Any member who desires to register their support or opposition to the petition may sign the same, indicating their support or opposition. A Legislator may in the alternative elect not to sign the petition. Thirty days from the date of the electronic communication, or sooner if time requires, the Clerk shall forward the signed petition with the following language to the appropriate legislative body and public officials: “The enclosed petition represents the opinion of those members of the Ulster County Legislature signing the same regarding the contents of subject matter of the petition.”;

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and, be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Rule 2, entitled "AMENDMENT OF RULES," of the Rules of Order of the Ulster County Legislature, this resolution and the amendment proposed herein shall be read at two consecutive meetings of the Ulster County Legislature, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this rule change shall take effect upon an affirmative vote of this body subsequent to two consecutive readings,

and moves its adoption.

FIRST READING:

SECOND READING:

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

Passed Committee: Laws and Rules, Governmental Services on _____.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

NONE