

**Opposing The Passage Of State Legislation To Allow Early Voting,  
Or To Allow Counties To Opt-In To Early Voting Opportunities, And  
For The State To Fully Fund Any And All Increased Costs  
Associated With Early Voting**

Referred to: The Laws and Rules, Governmental Services Committee (Chairman Roberts and Legislators Fabiano, Maio, Ronk, Donaldson, Loughran and Robert Parete)

Legislator Kevin Roberts offers the following:

WHEREAS, A.689 (Silver)/ S.1461 (Stewart-Cousins) has been introduced in the New York State Legislature establishing early voting in Primary, General and Special elections in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, this bill would allow early voting to take place up to 14 days before a general election and up to a week before a primary or special election, from 8:00 AM until 7:00 PM on every early voting day including Saturday and Sunday; and

WHEREAS, county boards of election would be required to select a minimum of five polling places throughout each county and provide duly qualified election inspectors at each location; and

WHEREAS, County Boards of Elections would also be required to follow the same polling place protocols that are observed on election day on all early voting days; and

WHEREAS, the significant costs to Ulster County associated with implementing early voting, staffing early voting locations, and supplying each early voting location with sufficient paper ballots relative to every election in the County could easily exceed \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, the 2 percent tax cap and insufficient relief from state-imposed mandates has placed an unprecedented strain on local governments to provide more services with less funding; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature does hereby oppose the passage of legislation as currently proposed requiring counties to implement early voting; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that if the proposal is enacted, counties be allowed to opt-in to provide early voting opportunities and that the State is to fully fund the cost of early voting to those counties so providing it; and, be it further

