

Amending The Rules Of Order Pertaining To The Number Of Required Signatures On A Petition To Discharge

DEFEATED IN COMMITTEE

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

Legislator Peter M. Loughran offers the following:

WHEREAS, a mechanism for each resolution to be considered by the full Legislative Body was established pursuant to the Rules of Order adopted by the Ulster County Legislature on July 23, 2013 to discharge a defeated resolution from a Committee; and

WHEREAS, said mechanism, a Petition to Discharge, requires signatures from 75% of the total number of the Legislators who belong to the minority caucus; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that changing the number of required signatures to a simple majority of the total number of Legislators who belong to the sponsor's caucus is a more reasonable practice; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Ulster County Legislature to amend Rule 3 entitled "*RESOLUTIONS, LOCAL LAWS, RULES FOR PROCEDURE FOR PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION,*" Section E (b) of the Rules of Order of the Ulster County Legislature pertaining to the number of signatures required on a Petition to Discharge; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Rule 3 E (b) of the Rules of Order of the Ulster County Legislature shall be amended to read as follows:

- E (b) A simple majority of the total number of Legislators who belong to the Sponsor's caucus shall have signed such Petition. In the event that a resolution is sponsored by members from each caucus, the sponsors shall decide which caucus the Petition shall be circulated amongst. Signatures may be an actual signature on the Petition to be held in the custody of the Clerk, or a written request to the Clerk (hand delivered, mailed, e-mailed, or faxed and in any event, received by the Clerk within thirty days of such Petition's being filed) that the Clerk place such Legislator's name to the Petition. If a Legislator does not personally sign the petition, the request from the Legislator to the Clerk to add that Legislator's name shall be appended to 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 prior to its adoption; 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:

Defeated in Committee: Laws and Rules, Governmental Services on August 19, 2013

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

NONE