

Directing That The Cost Of All Of The Assistance And Care For Which Towns And Cities Are Responsible Shall Be A Charge On The County Social Services District And Administered Under The Direction Of The County Commissioner Of Social Services, Pursuant [~~To Section 72 Of The~~] Social Services Law

Legislators Cahill, Berardi, Dart, Donaldson, Kraft, Loughran and Provenzano offer the following:

WHEREAS, the County of Ulster is responsible for the administration and cost of all public assistance and care in the County, with the exception of Safety Net for local charges residing in the towns and cities, except in the City of Kingston, and

WHEREAS, Section 72 of Social Services Law provided that a County Legislature may, by resolution adopted by a majority vote, direct that cost of all or any part of the assistance and care for which the towns and cities are made responsible under the provisions of Subdivisions 1 and 2 of Section 69 of Social Services Law (Safety Net) shall be a charge on the County Social Services district and administered under the direction of the County Commissioner of Social Services, and

WHEREAS, it is deemed advisable for the County Social Services District to take over the administration of all public assistance and care, for which the towns and cities are now responsible, and that the same shall be a charge on the County Social Services District.

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature does hereby direct that the County Commissioner of Social Services assume responsibility for the administration of all assistance and care for which the cities and towns are now responsible and that the same be a charge on the County Social Services District, in accordance with the following ~~two (2)~~ **five (5)** year phase in plan:

- 1. This Legislature hereby directs and implements the five (5) year phase in plan as follows:**
 - (a) commencing January 1, 2008, 20% of the cost and assistance and care for which the Towns and City of Kingston are made responsible under the provisions of Subdivisions 1 and 2 of Section 69 of Social Services Law, shall be a charge on the County Social Services District, and administered under the direction of the Ulster County Commissioner of Social Services; and**
 - (b) commencing January 1, 2009, 40% of the cost and assistance and care for which the Towns and City of Kingston are made**

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responsible under the provisions of Subdivisions 1 and 2 of Section 69 of Social Services Law, shall be a charge on the County Social Services District, and administered under the direction of the Ulster County Commissioner of Social Services; and

- (c) commencing January 1, 2010, 60% of the cost and assistance and care for which the Towns and City of Kingston are made responsible under the provisions of Subdivisions 1 and 2 of Section 69 of Social Services Law, shall be a charge on the County Social Services District, and administered under the direction of the Ulster County Commissioner of Social Services; and
 - (d) commencing January 1, 2011, 80% of the cost and assistance and care for which the Towns and City of Kingston are made responsible under the provisions of Subdivisions 1 and 2 of Section 69 of Social Services Law, shall be a charge on the County Social Services District, and administered under the direction of the Ulster County Commissioner of Social Services; and
 - (e) commencing January 1, 2012, 100% of the cost and assistance and care for which the Towns and City of Kingston are made responsible under the provisions of Subdivisions 1 and 2 of Section 69 of Social Services Law, shall be a charge on the County Social Services District, and administered under the direction of the Ulster County Commissioner of Social Services.
2. This resolution shall not take effect in either the Towns or the City of Kingston unless confirmed by the Common Council of the City of Kingston, in the manner set forth in Subdivisions 2 of Section 73 of Social Services Law.

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3. **The Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall send copies of this resolution forthwith to each Town Clerk and to the Mayor and Clerk of the City of Kingston, in the County of Ulster within ten days after the adoption of this resolution.**
1. [~~This Board does hereby direct that a two (2) year phase in plan begin on and after January 1, 2008, 50% of the cost of all assistance and care for which the towns and cities in the County of Ulster are made responsible under the provisions of Subdivisions 1 and 2 of Section 69 of the Social Services Law, shall be a charge on the County Social Services District, and administered under the direction of the County Commissioner of Social Services.~~]
2. [~~As of January 1, 2009, 100% of the cost of all assistance and care for which the towns and cities, in the County of Ulster, are made responsible under the provisions of Subdivisions 1 and 2 of Section 69 of the Social Services Law, shall be a charge on the County Social Services District, and administered under the direction of the County Commissioner of Social Services.~~]
3. [~~This resolution shall not take effect in the City of the County Social Services District until confirmed by the Legislative Body of the City.~~]
4. [~~The Clerk of the Board shall send copies of this resolution forthwith to each Town Clerk and to the Mayor and clerk of each City, in the County of Ulster within ten days after the adoption of this resolution.~~]
5. [~~After the effective date of this resolution, any town in the County Social Services District may establish and maintain a service office, and appoint and pay for a service officer, and one or more deputies or assistants, who shall receive such compensation as the Town Board may determine, and such compensation shall be borne by the town as a town charge.~~]
6. [~~When the Legislative Body of any City in the County Social Services District shall confirm this resolution such City may establish and maintain a service office, and appoint and pay a service officer, as a City charge.~~]

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and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

Legislator Kraft motioned, seconded by Legislator Loughran to amend the resolution with:

ALL ADDITIONS INDICATED IN BOLD TYPE AND ALL DELETIONS INDICATED WITH A STRIKETHROUGH.

MOTION DEFEATED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 15

NOES: 15

(AYES: Legislators Bartels, Cummings, Dart, Distel, Donaldson, Harris, Kraft, Liepmann, Loughran, R.S. Parete, Provenzano, Rodriguez, Sheeley, Stoeckeler and Zimet)

(Absent: Legislators Alfonso, Bischoff and Felicello)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

YEAR 2008 – 20% OF ANNUAL LOCAL SAFETY NET COSTS

YEAR 2009 – 40% OF ANNUAL LOCAL SAFETY NET COSTS

YEAR 2010 – 60% OF ANNUAL LOCAL SAFETY NET COSTS

YEAR 2011 – 80% OF ANNUAL LOCAL SAFETY NET COSTS

YEAR 2012 – 100% OF ANNUAL LOCAL SAFETY NET COSTS

\$300,044.00 – APPROXIMATE COUNTY LEVY INCREASE 2008

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