

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 body to take an action which will not require a home rule message, shall be submitted and considered in Committee in accordance with the procedures set forth in these Rules of Order. When presented for consideration at a Monthly or Special Meeting of the Legislature, Memorializing Resolutions shall not be debatable. Memorializing Resolutions shall, however, be amendable, may be referred to a Standing Committee of the Legislature, or may be withdrawn prior to a vote by the Legislative body.

and, be it further

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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: May 17, 2016

SECOND READING:

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

Passed Committee: Laws and Rules, Governmental Services on May 16, 2016.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

NONE