

RESOLUTION NO. 270

REQUESTING THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE AUTHORIZE ALBANY COUNTY TO CONDUCT A REFERENDUM RELATING TO THE FUTURE OF THE ALBANY COUNTY NURSING HOME

Introduced: 7/14/14

By Ms. Benedict, Messrs. Carman, Crouse, Mendick and Ms. Busch:

WHEREAS, The fate of the Albany County Nursing Home remains undetermined despite various proposed solutions, and

WHEREAS, Millions of taxpayer dollars continue to be spent while the future of the Nursing Home remains uncertain, and

WHEREAS, The failure of Albany County government to address the needs of its Nursing Home residents and the County taxpayers must come to an end and a solution to this matter must be agreed upon, and

WHEREAS, It is in the interest of the County to receive input from its residents as to the future of the Albany County Nursing Home, and

WHEREAS, Albany County does not have the authority to conduct a referendum without the authorization of the New York State Legislature, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, The Albany County Legislature requests that the New York State Legislature authorize the County to conduct a referendum, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the referendum address whether the ownership of the Albany County Nursing Home and the provision of services therein should be transferred from the public sector to the private sector, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Albany County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate State and County officials.

Referred to Law Committee. 7/14/14

Unfavorable Recommendation - Law Committee. 8/25/14

On roll call vote the following voted in favor: Mss. Benedict, Busch, Messrs. Carman, Clouse, Hogan, Ms. Lockart, Messrs. Mendick, Stevens and Tunny – 9.

Those opposed: Messrs. Beston, Bullock, Ms. Chapman, Messrs. Clay, Clenahan, Commisso, Corcoran, Cotrofeld, Dawson, Domalewicz, Ethier, Feeney, Higgins, Jacobson, Joyce, Ms. Kinsch, Mr. Mackey, Ms. Maffia-Tobler, Messrs. Mayo, Morse, Nichols, O'Brien, Reilly, Simpson and Ward – 25.

Resolution was defeated. 9/8/14