

## RESOLUTION NO. 64

### TRANSPARENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR AMENDED RESOLUTIONS OR LOCAL LAWS

Introduced: 2/11/13

By Messrs. Mendick and Stevens:

WHEREAS, Currently when a piece of legislation is amended by a member of the Albany County Legislature there is no way to define what is new language, what was old language, what has been deleted and what has been added, and

WHEREAS, This Honorable Body, has on occasion, amended pieces of legislation numerous times before coming to a final draft, and

WHEREAS, It is difficult to decipher all the changes to a piece of legislation and then to make an accurate assessment of those changes, and

WHEREAS, This Honorable Body desires its legislation be as transparent as possible, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That legislation amended by adding to or repealing existing law, upon its introduction, and if reprinted must, in the body of the bill have:

- A. All new matter to be added to or inserted in existing legislation underscored;
- B. All matter to be eliminated by amendment from existing legislation printed in its proper place and enclosed in brackets;
- C. The word “repealed”, when any existing law or part thereof is proposed to be repealed printed in bold type;
- D. Whenever it is proposed to amend only a part of a word in existing law, the whole of such word shall be printed in its proper place enclosed in black-faced brackets and the whole word as proposed shall be underscored;
- E. The underline and bracket editing is for the amendments from the most recent version of the legislation to the next. This is to avoid possible misunderstandings which could occur if changes were underlined and bracketed and then carried through multiple versions of the legislation;

and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the above changes will take effect immediately at the passage of this legislation, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby directed to forward certified copies of said resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

*Referred to Law Committee. 2/11/13*