

RESOLUTION NO. 46-b

ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF CANDIDATES BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE TO VARIOUS PUBLIC AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Introduced: 3/11/13

By Mr. Nichols, Personnel Committee, Messrs. Bullock, Clenahan, Mss. Kinsch and McLean Lane:

WHEREAS, The Albany County Legislature, from time to time, is authorized to appoint or confirm appointments of candidates to various public authorities, certain boards, committees and commissions which have the power and authority to incur public debt and/or spend public monies and/or provide oversight of elected officials and/or government programs, and

WHEREAS, Such entities serving the public's interest and vested by law with much authority and power including the power to condemn private property, incur public debt and effectuate public policy must be directed by board members independent of political parties, lobbying firms, personal and professional relationships, and

WHEREAS, These public authorities, boards, committees and commissions include, but are not limited to, the Albany County Airport Authority, the Albany County Industrial Development Agency, and the Albany County Ethics Commission, and

WHEREAS, It is in the public interest that any person who is a registered lobbyist disclose any clients that he or she represents prior to appointment or confirmation to any such public authority, board, committee or commission, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That any person registered as a lobbyist at the time of their appointment or who has been a lobbyist registered under a state or local law two years prior to their appointment and who is or has been compensated to represent more than one client or lobby on behalf of an association consisting of for profit or not-for profit entities shall be eligible for service on any public authority, board, committee, and commission which has the power to incur public debt and/or spend public monies and/or provide oversight of elected officials and/or government programs provided that such person discloses that he or she is a registered lobbyist and further discloses all the entities that person or the firm he or she is employed by represents, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the following appointments are exempted: appointments in accordance with the NYS Election Law; any person registered as a lobbyist who is an elected official who lobbies solely on behalf of the municipality he or she represents; and any person who lobbies solely on behalf of a religious organization, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That this shall become the policy of Albany County and the Clerk is directed to forward this resolution to the Albany County Executive, Chair of the Albany County Legislature and the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Albany County Legislature.

Adopted by unanimous vote. 3/11/13