

## **RESOLUTION NO. 197**

### **A POLICY ESTABLISHING THE PROPER AMOUNT EACH POLITICAL SUBDIVISION WITHIN THE COUNTY SHOULD REIMBURSE THE COUNTY FOR CONDUCTING ELECTIONS**

Introduced: 5/12/08

By Mr. Mendick:

WHEREAS, The State has mandated expenses of providing polling places, voting booths, supplies, ballot boxes, and other furniture for polling places for any election (after 2005), including the storage, transportation, and maintenance of voting machines, appliances and equipment or ballot counting devices, and the compensation of the election officers in each election district, shall be a charge upon the County in which such election district is situated, and

WHEREAS, The State also permits a County to seek reimbursement from the towns and cities within the County for the cost of conducting such elections, and

WHEREAS, The County Board of Elections has, and can accurately determine the cost of conducting the 2006 and 2007 elections attributable to each municipality, and

WHEREAS, The County Executive has allocated the cost for 2006 elections to each municipality, not based on the actual cost expended on conducting the election within the municipality, but rather, allocated the cost by applying the locality's percentage of equalized assessed property value to the total election-related expenses, and

WHEREAS, This method of allocation of cost results in an unfair burden on some municipalities and a windfall for others, and

WHEREAS, It is the duty of this Honorable Body to set the policy of the County, including how municipalities should reimburse the County for election expenses, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that each municipality within the County reimburse the County the amount the Board of Elections expended to conduct the election within the municipality, and, be it further

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Board of Elections is directed to accurately determine the cost of conducting the 2006 and 2007 elections attributable to each municipality, and, be it further

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County shall rescind the 2006 reimbursement demand calculated on the basis of a locality's percentage of equalized assessed property value, and that a new reimbursement demand for the 2006 and 2007 elections be sent forthwith to each municipality that is consistent with resolution, and, be it further

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

*Referred to Audit and Finance Committee. 5/12/08*