RESOLUTION NO. 238

AMENDING THE LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURES OF THE ALBANY COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced: 5/14/18
By: Mendick

WHEREAS, When Resolutions and Local Laws are in committee as part of this body’s legislative process, they often languish for months awaiting movement and clarification from their initial sponsor, and

WHEREAS, This policy has led to significant delays in the movement of legislation and has wasted taxpayer resources, and

WHEREAS, The cluttering of agendas with inactive legislation leads to confusion among the public and members, and

WHEREAS, for the purposes of this resolution, “inactivity” shall be defined as when a local law or resolution has not been attempted to be moved by its sponsor for a vote by a committee, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That after ninety (90) days of inactivity, any piece of legislation shall be automatically withdrawn unless reversed by a vote of the majority of the members of the committee in which the legislation has been placed, provided, however, that said committees may also by a majority vote of its members provide for one (1) additional forty-five (45) day extension for the sponsor(s) to attempt to move said legislation, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That nothing in this resolution shall be construed to prevent the reintroduction of legislation once the sponsor is ready to move forward with a vote, and, be it further

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

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

Referred to Law Committee – 5/14/18