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SARATOGA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION 42 - 2022

Introduced by Supervisors Schopf, Barrett, Grasso, Lant, Raymond, Tollisen and M. Veitch

INTRODUCING A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW IDENTIFIED AS INTRODUCTORY NO. 1, PRINT NO. 1, OF 2022 TO AMEND LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 1968 TO INCREASE THE POPULATION THRESHOLD FOR AN ADDITIONAL COUNTY SUPERVISOR AND SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 2 of 1968, as amended by Local Law No. 5 of 2011, provides that each town or city in the County of Saratoga will elect an additional County Supervisor for every 25,000 residents and that the municipality's weighted vote on the County's Board of Supervisors will be divided equally between or among all of its Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the 1971, 1981, 1991, 2001, and 2011 amendment to Local Law No. 2 of 1968 ensured that the number of members on the Board remained constant and unchanged at twenty-three (23); and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Federal Census raises the possibility of an additional County Supervisor during this decade; and

WHEREAS, the fiscal strength and demonstrable progressive performance of the County of Saratoga and its Board of Supervisors during the past decades are partially attributable to the fact that the Board's size has proven to be workable and an effective balance between the respective majority and minority positions on the many major, and minor, issues confronted during the past fifty years; and

WHEREAS, an increase in the population threshold is appropriate to ensure that future Boards of Supervisors retain the demonstrated deliberative capability of their predecessors; and

WHEREAS, an amendment of Local Law No. 2 of 1968 is necessary to increase the population threshold and maintain the existing membership number; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a proposed Local Law, identified as Introductory No. 1, Print No. 1 of 2022, entitled "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 1968, AS LAST AMENDED BY LOCAL LAW NO. 5 OF 2011, TO INCREASE THE POPULATION THRESHOLD FOR AN ADDITIONAL COUNTY SUPERVISOR", is hereby introduced before this Board of Supervisors; and it is further

RESOLVED, that this Board shall hold a Public Hearing on February 9, 2022 at 4:35 p.m., at the Chambers of the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors, located at 40 McMaster Street, Ballston Spa, New York 12020, on the matter of the adoption of such proposed Local Law; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is directed to give notice of the Public Hearing in the manner prescribed by law; and it is further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

BUDGET IMPACT STATEMENT: No Budget Impact.

SCHEDULE A

INTRODUCTORY NO. 1
PRINT NO. 1
INTRODUCED BY: Supervisors

COUNTY OF SARATOGA
LOCAL LAW - 2022

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 1968, AS LAST AMENDED BY LOCAL LAW NO. 5 OF 2011, TO INCREASE THE POPULATION THRESHOLD FOR AN ADDITIONAL COUNTY SUPERVISOR

BE IT ENACTED by the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors as follows:

SECTION 1. That paragraphs a.) and b.) of Section 2 of Local Law No. 2 of 1968, as last amended by Local Law 5 of 2011, be amended as follows:

“SECTION 2. Such system of weighted voting shall be as follows:

a.) Each municipality shall elect one (1) Supervisor where its population is less than [~~25,000~~] 27,500 according to the latest decennial census and each Supervisor shall cast one (1) vote for each person in [~~his~~] their district according to such census.

b.) Where any such municipality shall have a population of [~~25,000~~] 27,500 one additional Supervisor shall be elected therefrom and one additional thereafter as each whole multiple of [~~25,000~~] 27,500 is attained. Such Supervisors shall each cast that number of votes arrived at by dividing the total population of each municipality by the number of its Supervisors.”

SECTION 2. That SECTION 3. of said Local Law No. 2 of 1968, as last amended by Local Law No. 5 of 2011, be further amended as follows:

“SECTION 3. The composition of the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors shall consist of twenty-three (23) Supervisors, with two (2) Supervisors each from the City of Saratoga Springs and the Town of Clifton Park, and one (1) Supervisor each from the City of Mechanicville and the remaining Towns of the County of Saratoga, and, hereafter, such number shall automatically increase by the addition of an additional Supervisor from each Town or City as its population, based on a County-wide Official Federal Census, shall reach [~~25,000~~] 27,500 or whole multiples thereof.”

SECTION 3. This Local Law is subject to a permissive referendum as provided in Section 24 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

SECTION 4. This Local Law shall take effect after it is filed as provided in Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

EXPLANATION - Matter that is underscored is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.