

Warren County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION NO. 215 OF 2019

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY SUPERVISORS STROUGH, LEGGETT, BRAYMER, WILD, MCDEVITT, DIAMOND, DICKINSON, GERAGHTY, MAGOWAN, SOKOL AND DRISCOLL

URGING NEW YORK STATE TO FUND ALL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH NEW YORK STATE-ENACTED VOTING REFORMS IMPLEMENTED AT THE COUNTY LEVEL

WHEREAS, State lawmakers have passed and the Governor has enacted a series of reforms to State Election Law and the voting process, including early voting, consolidating the federal and state primary dates and voter registration transfers, and

WHEREAS, counties, through local Boards of Elections, are responsible for managing election operations and paying for all or most of the costs of these operations, and

WHEREAS, the State's new early voting law requires counties to open polling sites for early voting for nine (9) days prior to any primary or general election, starting during the 2019 general election, and

WHEREAS, another state proposal would allow for same day voter registration, which would enable voting-age residents to register to vote and vote on Election Day, and

WHEREAS, these reforms will likely require counties to purchase and use electronic polling books and make other investments in their election systems, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Warren County Board of Supervisors calls upon Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, and the New York State Legislature to create a task force of state and local officials to determine the costs associated with implementing these voting reforms, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the state fund the costs associated with the reforms, and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent by the Clerk of the Board to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator Elizabeth O'C. Little, Assemblyman Daniel G. Stec, the New York State Association of Counties and all others deemed necessary and proper.