



Essex County Board of Supervisors

Resolution No. 164

June 12, 2019
Special Board Meeting

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A HOME RULE REQUEST FOR ENACTION AND ADOPTION BY THE NEW YORK STATE SENATE OF SENATE BILL S-1997A, AMENDING SECTION 122-b OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW BY ADDING A NEW SUBDIVISION 6 WHICH AUTHORIZES ESSEX COUNTY TO ENTER INTO A MUNICIPAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT IN ORDER TO FINANCE AND OPERATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND GENERAL AMBULANCE SERVICES AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THAT THE EXPENSE OF THESE SERVICES BE LEVIED AND COLLECTED FROM ALL LOTS OR PARCELS OF LAND WITHIN THE COUNTY IN THE SAME MANNER AS COUNTY CHARGES

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor Scozzafava, who moved its adoption.

WHEREAS, Senate Bill S-1997A, has been introduced in the New York State Senate entitled "An Act to Amend the General Municipal Law in Relation to Permitting Essex County to Enter into a Municipal Cooperation Agreement for Emergency Medical Services and General Ambulance Services"; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this legislation is to allow Essex County the ability to enter into intermunicipal agreements relative to the finance and operation of emergency medical services and general ambulance services with the expense of such services to be levied and collected from all lots or parcels of land within the County subject to the agreement; and

WHEREAS, Essex County needs to adopt a Home Rule Request for such necessary legislation to be considered and enacted.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts a Home Rule Request requesting enactment of Senate Bill S-1997A amending General Municipal Law Section 122-b as hereinabove recited for giving Essex County the ability to contract for emergency medical services and general ambulance services and to fund the operation from all lots or parcels within the County subject to the agreements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Supervisors hereby declares that a necessity exists in that the enactment of this legislation as Essex County has no authority by law to finance the expenses of such services without state legislation.

Without this ability, Essex County will not be able to safely and properly provide vital ambulance and EMT services to its constituency and will continue to be burdened for lack of funding and manpower; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Clerk of this Board be and is hereby authorized and directed to immediately execute all necessary Home Rule Request documents and immediately forward the same to Senator Elizabeth O’C. Little.

This resolution was duly seconded by Supervisor Politi, and adopted upon a **two-thirds** roll-call vote as follows:

AYES: 3048 votes
NOES: 0 votes
ABSENT: 991 votes (Harrington, Jackson, Wilson, Monty, Winemiller, Tyler, Preston)

STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF ESSEX)ss:

I, JUDITH A. GARRISON, Clerk of the Essex County Board of Supervisors, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy with the original resolution filed in this office on the 12th day of June, 2019, and that it is a correct and true copy thereof.

IN TESTIMONY THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 12th day of June, 2019.



Judith A. Garrison

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Clerk of the Essex County Board of Supervisors