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Honorable Carl E. Heastie
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Dear Speaker Heastie:

I am pleased to submit to you the 2023 Annual Report of the Assembly Standing Committee on Local Governments.

Throughout the year, the Committee has addressed significant issues, including parkland alienation, as well as statewide issues including reforms to Industrial Development Agencies (IDAs). In this report you will find descriptions of legislation and important issues considered by the Committee. Additionally, this report highlights goals of the Committee, which emphasize the ongoing need to support the municipalities of this State.

I share with you an appreciation for the important role local governments play in providing essential services to their residents and commend you for the support and leadership you have provided the Local Governments Committee in its pursuit to address issues facing New York's municipalities. With your assistance, the Committee will continue to focus on the needs of local governments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fred Thiele, Jr." in a cursive script.

Fred W. Thiele, Jr., Chairman
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I. INTRODUCTION

The Assembly Standing Committee on Local Governments considers the legislative needs of New York State's local governments, including counties, cities, towns, villages, school districts, fire districts, and various other special districts and local agencies. The Committee monitors the needs of local governments and strives to develop legislative remedies to meet those needs. The Committee also explores new proposals and ideas that will enable local governments to better serve the citizens of New York State. The Committee endeavors to enact laws that will further improve local governments' abilities to address their unique problems. The Committee is also interested in assisting local governments by considering legislation that will provide flexibility in municipal finances and consider other legislative solutions to help local governments remain financially solvent.

The Committee considers legislation that proposes to amend the General Municipal, Municipal Home Rule, Local Finance, County, Town, Village, Volunteer Firefighters' Benefit, and Volunteer Ambulance Workers' Benefit Laws. Since the structure, powers and scope of local governments is broad, the Committee's concerns cover a wide range of issues. Home Rule legislation is also addressed. These bills deal with issues specific to a certain local government's jurisdiction and are intended to remedy a specific local concern. Through the use of home rule legislation to solve individual local needs, the Committee has helped resolve many unique situations and has enabled local governments all over the State to serve their citizens better.

II. MAJOR ISSUES AND LEGISLATION OF 2023

A. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AID – ENACTED BUDGET

The State Budget for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2023-2024 continues funding for local governments in the form of unrestricted aid and grants to help local governments achieve efficiencies and share municipal services.

Aid and Incentives to Municipalities

Aid and Incentives to Municipalities (AIM) funding is direct general-purpose aid provided to towns, villages, and cities. AIM funding for the State Fiscal Year 2023-2024 totaled \$754.2 million, unchanged from SFY 2022-2023.

Citizen Empowerment Tax Credits (CETC) and Citizens Reorganization Empowerment Grants

The Citizen Empowerment Tax Credits provide a financial incentive for municipalities to consolidate or dissolve and to cover costs associated with studies, plans, and implementation efforts. The Citizen Empowerment Tax Credits were funded at \$35 million, unchanged SFY 2022-2023.

Local Government Performance and Efficiency Program

The Local Government Performance and Efficiency Program was funded at \$4 million for the costs associated with local government efficiency projects, municipal consolidation, and/or shared services, unchanged from SFY 2022-2023.

Financial Restructuring Board

The Financial Restructuring Board provides a comprehensive review of eligible municipalities finances and operations. The Board is authorized to make loans or grant awards of up to \$5 million to municipalities that accept their recommendations. The \$5 million authorization represents the same funding provided in SFY 2022-2023.

Small Government Assistance

The SFY 2023-2024 Budget provided \$217,300 for Essex, Franklin, and Hamilton Counties to help offset the Adirondack Park property tax exemptions. This represents the same funding provided in SFY 2022-2023.

County-Wide Shared Services

The County-Wide Shared Services Initiative anticipates a disbursement of \$59 million in SFY 2023-2024 for a one-time savings match for 34 shared services plans implemented by municipalities. Funds from this State match are supported by a \$225 million reappropriation from SYF 2018-2019.

Miscellaneous Financial Assistance

The SFY 2023-2024 Budget provides \$3.75 million to Madison County to reflect the opening of the Oneida Nation's Point Place Casino. Madison County does not currently receive a share of the negotiated percentage of the net drop from gaming devices pursuant to tribal compacts. The SFY 2023-2024 Budget also maintains Miscellaneous Financial Assistance aid of \$15 million to the City of Albany, which is unchanged from SFY 2022-2023.

Municipalities with Video Lottery Terminal (VLT) Facilities

The SFY 2023-2024 Budget provides Video Lottery Terminal (VLT) Aid totaling \$28.9 million for eligible municipalities that host video lottery gaming facilities, unchanged from SFY 2022-2023.

Training Stipend for Volunteer Fire Fighters

The SFY 2023-2024 Budget authorized the State and local governments to provide volunteer firefighters with a stipend for completion of certain firefighter training, provided that receipt of such stipend would not jeopardize the firefighter's volunteer status.

B. MUNICIPAL FINANCES

Peconic Bay Community Preservation Fund Land Assessments **(A.601 Thiele; Chapter 2 of the Laws of 2023)**

This law is a chapter amendment to Chapter 788 of 2022 and eliminates the previous requirement that the State Commissioner of Taxation and Finances approve assessments related to payments received from the Peconic Bay Community Preservation Fund.

Capital Improvement Projects **(A.1976 Thiele; Chapter 592 of the Laws of 2023)**

This law removes the existing one year waiting period on capital projects for which a municipal corporation, school district or district corporation financed with indebtedness. Removing the waiting period allows local governments more financial flexibility, specifically during the preliminary phases of development.

Sewage Debt Constitutional Amendment

(A.3776 Conrad; Constitutional Amendment – Delivered to the Secretary of State)

This constitutional amendment extends, until January 1, 2034, the authorization that any indebtedness incurred from projects related to sewage facility construction or reconstruction shall be excluded from a municipality's constitutional debt limit. The exclusion was originally added to the Constitution to encourage and enable municipalities to participate in the State's then-new sewer construction assistance plan and issue debt for sewer facilities without reducing their ability to incur debt within the constitutional debt limit for other capital improvements.

Sewage Debt Amendment Implementation

(A.5056 Conrad; Chapter 641 of the Laws of 2023)

This bill implements the changes proposed in the constitutional amendment and approved by voters. This bill would extend the debt exclusion of municipal sewage for an additional 10 years, until January 2034.

Electronic Open Auction Bond Sale Pilot Program Extension

(A.6565 Thiele; Chapter 297 of the Laws of 2023)

In 2019, the Legislature established a pilot program to allow certain larger municipalities to use an open auction style bidding process for the sale of municipal bonds. This law extends the existing electronic open auction bond sale pilot program until January 2026.

The Washingtonville Deficit Financing Act

(A.7633-A Maher; Chapter 206 of the Laws of 2023)

This law, requested by the Village of Washingtonville, authorizes the Village to issue up to \$4.5 million in serial bonds to liquidate deficits of their general fund, water fund, sewer fund and capital project fund, which have accumulated as of May 31, 2023. The law also includes oversight provisions to ensure the Village takes steps to avoid similar budgetary and fiscal problems in the future.

PILOT Agreements

(A.1567 McDonald; Veto Memo 110)

Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011 established a property tax cap for municipalities and school districts other than New York City. The cap limits the growth of real property taxes to the lesser of 2% or the rate of inflation, without voter approval. This legislation would revise the tax cap formula to include changes in assessed value for each property exempt from the tax rolls under PILOT agreements when determining the calculation of each local government's quantity change factor.

Emergency Repair Pilot Program
(A.1662-A Hunter; Veto Memo 138)

This legislation would direct the Secretary of State to establish an emergency repair pilot program to help cities and provide technical assistance, until May 2027, in consultation with the Division of Housing and Community Renewal. The Program would require that participating cities adopt a local law to permit the immediate repair and billing of hazardous code violations that have gone unrepaired by the property owner.

C. MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

Prohibition on Political Advertisements
(A.124-A Solages; Chapter 666 of the Laws of 2023)

This law prohibits municipal officers or employees from displaying political advertisements on or within public-owned buildings and property occupied in the discharge of their official duties, in an effort to remove any perception of institutionally supported biases.

Municipal Bonding for Broadband and Telecommunications Infrastructure
(A.1260 Kelles; Chapter 512 of the Laws of 2023)

This law is a technical fix to the municipal broadband law included in the SFY 2022-2023 Budget, which authorized municipalities to provide municipal broadband services. This law authorizes municipal bonding for the replacement of broadband and related telecommunications infrastructure with a ten-year probable use period.

Residency Requirement Exemptions

It can be difficult for municipalities to find people interested in holding public office who are also residents of the municipality, as required by law. The Committee considers legislation that would provide flexibility in filling these offices through an exemption to the residency requirement. The following are the public officer residency exemptions granted in 2023:

Village Justice of Maybrook
(A.5355 Maher; Chapter 389 of the Laws of 2023)

Village Justice of Laurel Hollow
(A.7274 Blumencranz; Chapter 415 of the Laws of 2023)

D. MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS

Notice Procedures for Industrial Development Agency Projects **(A.977 Solages; Chapter 32 of the Laws of 2023)**

This law is a chapter amendment to Chapter 766 of 2022, which required IDAs to establish a notification procedure for proposed financial incentives. This technical amendment clarifies that a notification procedure is required for any deviations from the IDA's uniform tax policy.

Town of Ulster Reclassification **(A.4672 Shrestha; Chapter 653 of the Laws of 2023)**

This law reclassifies the Town of Ulster, Ulster County, as a first-class town. The Town was previously statutorily excluded from the classification in the 1970s, despite meeting the population threshold.

Aquatic Growth Control Districts **(A.5801 Woerner; Chapter 561 of the Laws of 2023)**

This law allows aquatic plant growth control districts to be used to control a larger universe of species, specifically those identified as aquatic invasive invertebrate species pursuant to the Environmental Conservation Law. This change is intended to allow towns to address and combat the growth of aquatic invasive species more effectively.

Village Incorporation Requirements **(A.7754 Thiele; Chapter 774 of the Laws of 2023)**

This law increases the population requirements for the incorporation of a village from 500 to 2,000 people and eliminates the ability for large landowners to initiate a village incorporation based on the percentage of land they own in the territory to be incorporated. Additionally, the law requires that a fiscal, service, and taxation impact study be performed and made publicly available to ensure the incorporation is in the interests of the proposed village and surrounding towns, before being placed before voters.

State Commission on Village Incorporation **(A.7761 Thiele; Chapter 773 of the Laws of 2023)**

This law establishes a State Village Incorporation Commission consisting of three members appointed by the Secretary of State, Comptroller, and Attorney General. The Commission will oversee, hold hearings, and make decisions on proposed village incorporation petitions. The Commission will also complete feasibility and impact assessments for each proposed incorporation to ensure the village incorporation is in the fiscal and service interests of the proposed village and surrounding towns.

Industrial Development Agency Conflicts of Interest
(A.4847-A Jacobson; Veto Memo 50)

This legislation would prohibit individuals employed or under contract with an IDA from taking any position with a business or entity doing business with that IDA and would provide penalties for any violations. This legislation prevents individuals employed by IDAs from taking employment that may present conflicts of interest or opportunities for unjust enrichment.

E. EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Assembly has worked consistently to ensure the State's policies regarding volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers are sufficiently protective. We appreciate the diligence, dedication to service and efforts put forward by the thousands of New Yorkers who generously dedicate their time as volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers. This session, the Committee passed a variety of volunteer firefighter and volunteer ambulance workers legislation.

Salem Volunteer Fire Department Benevolent Association
(A.6783 Simpson; Chapter 444 of the Laws of 2023)

This law incorporates the Salem Volunteer Fire Department Benevolent Association, a not-for-profit corporation, for the purpose of providing relief, aid, and assistance to volunteer members of such corporation who are disabled or injured in the performance of their duties, as well as to promote and safeguard the welfare of their members and families.

F. MISCELLANEOUS

Cleanup of Towing Debris
(A.7110 Stern; Veto Memo 140)

Motor vehicle accidents and/or disablement can result in debris being left behind on roadways even after towers and emergency personnel leave the scene, increasing the risk to other motorists. This legislation would require that towers clean up debris resulting from vehicles that they tow without an additional charge to consumers, and allow for penalties of no more than \$500 per violation.

III. PARKLAND ALIENATION LEGISLATION

The issue of parkland alienation, or the conversion of parkland for non-park purposes, has been a great concern for the Committee. As a matter of public trust, it is required that any use of public parkland for non-parkland purposes must be authorized by the Legislature.

As part of the Committee's ongoing effort to protect the public trust, as it relates to parkland, and in keeping with the Assembly's policy of preserving open space, the Committee strives to ensure that each proposed parkland alienation complies with alienation guidelines prior to being reported out of Committee.

Committee guidelines for authorizing parkland alienation include specifying the number of acres proposed for alienation and requiring that the fair market value of such lands be dedicated for the purchase of replacement parkland of equal to or greater than fair market value, or for capital improvements to existing parkland. The legislation must also include a legal description of the parkland proposed to be alienated, as well as language describing any land proposed to be dedicated as new parkland to replace the parkland being alienated. Finally, a home rule message from the municipality requesting alienation is required prior to the Committee acting on any parkland legislation.

Town of Islip

(A.2818 Fitzpatrick; Chapter 324 of the Laws of 2023)

This law authorizes the Town of Islip to extend the existing lease of an ice skating sports and recreational facility for an additional 10 years.

Town of Henrietta

(A.5783-A Bronson; Chapter 441 of the Laws of 2023)

This law authorizes the Town of Henrietta, Monroe County, to alienate certain parklands to Forest Creek Equity Corporation for the planned construction of residential and recreational structures, in exchange for land to be dedicated as parkland by the Town.

Town of Islip

(A.5799-A Gandolfo; Chapter 324 of the Laws of 2023)

This law authorizes the Town of Islip, Suffolk County, to discontinue certain lands as parklands and to lease such land for up to 40 years for use as a restaurant and fuel dock. Any proceeds from the lease must be used for the acquisition of new parklands or capital improvements to existing parks and recreation facilities.

Town of Brookhaven

(A.6028-A DeStefano; Chapter 440 of the Laws of 2023)

This law authorizes the Town of Brookhaven, Suffolk County, to alienate certain parklands for the purpose of constructing a municipal drainage system, provided that the town dedicates certain lands that have never been used by the town for park purposes before as new parkland.

Lido Beach PILOT Agreement

(A.6554-A Brown; Chapter 174 of the Laws of 2023)

This law extends the existing payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) agreement in the Town of Hempstead, which has been in place since the 1970s, until June 30, 2025.

Town of Yorktown

(A.6701-A Slater; Chapter 458 of the Laws of 2023)

This law authorizes the Town of Yorktown, Westchester County, to discontinue as parklands and lease at fair market value certain lands for the operation of a radio transmission tower. The proceeds of the lease must be used for the acquisition of new parklands or capital improvements to existing parks and recreation facilities.

Town of Warwick

(A.6959-A Brabenec; Chapter 203 of the Laws of 2023)

This law authorizes the Town of Warwick, Orange County to alienate certain parklands to urbanXtracts, in exchange for land to be dedicated as parkland by the Town.

Town of Southampton

(A.7647 Thiele; Chapter 465 of the Laws of 2023)

This law authorizes the Town of Southampton, Suffolk County, to alienate certain parklands for the purpose of installing an algae skimmer, and to replace such alienated parkland with new dedicated parkland.

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. EXPANDING ACCESS TO COMPOSTING OF FOOD SCRAPS

On September 19th, the Assembly held a roundtable discussion on expanding access to composting food scraps in New York. The roundtable discussion was conducted by the Assembly Standing Committees on Local Governments and Environmental Conservation, as well as the Legislative Commission on State-Local Relations. The purpose of the roundtable was to facilitate discussions with local governments and composting experts about ways to encourage greater adoption of food waste composting, including, but not limited to, community composting and collaboration with large-scale composting facilities, to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and decrease landfill use. Various state agencies, municipal entities, academic experts, and advocates participated in the discussion.

B. LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

On December 14th, the Assembly held a public hearing to discuss various aspects of proposed changes to local government procurement policies. The hearing was conducted by the Assembly Standing Committees on Local Governments and Cities. Currently local governments may award procurement contracts to the “lowest responsible bidder” or on the basis of “best value,” but in recent years, there have been several requests to modify local procurement authority. The purpose of the hearing was to examine proposed local government procurement policies, aimed at ensuring transparency, fairness, and accountability in the purchasing of goods and services. Various advocacy groups, local government representatives and others participated.

V. OUTLOOK FOR 2024

The Committee recognizes the difficult economic outlook that municipalities and citizens of New York State have faced and will continue to face in the year to come. The Committee will build on the progress made during the 2023 legislative session, continuing to find solutions to reduce costs to local governments. The Committee will continue to try to help lessen burdens placed on local governments and consider legislation that proposes solutions to issues faced.

The Committee will continue to advocate for the fair and equitable distribution of local government aid. Local governments rely on a stable and predictable revenue stream from the State, which is also a critical aspect of forming balanced local budgets.

The Committee also plans to continue to try to facilitate economic growth in local governments through examinations into the role that industrial development agencies and other local economic development agencies play in New York State's economic development. The Committee is interested in ensuring that these local agencies are transparent and accountable, with records that are easy to obtain and to understand, that they are creating good jobs, and that they are providing a decent return on the taxpayer-funded investments being made. The Committee will continue to examine legislative options to address these concerns.

The Committee will continue to work with local governments to address the needs of municipalities by examining home rule legislation that provides communities with a remedy to their locally specific situations. The Committee will also continue to examine legislation relating to Home Rule to empower and uphold the powers of local governments.

The Committee looks forward to continuing to work with the Governor, the Senate, the State Comptroller, the Attorney General, and all local governments to improve the outlook for municipalities going forward.

APPENDIX A

**2023 SUMMARY OF ACTION ON ALL BILLS REFERRED TO
THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

| | <u>Assembly Bills</u> | <u>Senate Bills</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Bills Reported Favorable | | | |
| To Codes | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| To Judiciary | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| To Ways and Means | 36 | 0 | 36 |
| To Rules | 8 | 0 | 8 |
| To Floor | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| TOTAL | 48 | 0 | 48 |
| Committee Action | | | |
| Held for Consideration | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| Defeated | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Enacting Clause Stricken | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| Remaining in Committee | 167 | 15 | 182 |
| Bills Reference Changed | | | |
| To Ways and Means | 24 | 0 | 24 |
| TOTAL NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD | | 7 | |

APPENDIX B

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILLS THAT PASSED BOTH HOUSES

| <u>Bill #</u> | <u>Sponsor</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Status</u> |
|---------------|----------------|---|---------------|
| A.124-A | Solages | Prohibits municipal officers or employees from displaying political advertisements during their official duties on or within public buildings. | Chapter 666 |
| A.601 | Thiele | Eliminates the requirement that the Commissioner of the State Department of Taxation and Finance approve certain assessments. | Chapter 2 |
| A.977 | Solages | Clarifies the notice procedures required for IDAs when deviating from uniform tax exemption policies. | Chapter 32 |
| A.1250 | Peoples-Stokes | Extends the authorization for the private sale of municipal obligations by Erie County for one additional year. | Chapter 172 |
| A.1260 | Kelles | Authorizes municipal bonding for broadband and related telecommunications infrastructure. | Chapter 512 |
| A.1567 | McDonald | Revises the treatment of Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreements in tax cap calculations. | Veto Memo 110 |
| A.1662-A | Hunter | Authorizes cities to establish emergency repair pilot programs. | Veto Memo 138 |
| A.1976 | Thiele | Removes the waiting period for municipalities and school districts that issue indebtedness to finance certain costs of preparing for capital projects. | Chapter 592 |
| A.2216 | Morinello | Revises the purposes and duties of the Volunteer and Exempt Firemen's Benevolent Association of Lewiston Fire Company No. 1. | Chapter 425 |
| A.2228 | Morinello | Revises the purposes and duties of the Sanborn Volunteer and Exempt Firemen's Benevolent Association, Inc, and expands the uses of foreign fire insurance premium taxes. | Chapter 375 |
| A.2311 | Morinello | Revises the purposes and duties of the Volunteer and Exempt Firemen's Benevolent Association of Lewiston Fire Company No. 2 and expands the uses of foreign fire insurance premium taxes. | Chapter 376 |
| A.2356 | Morinello | Revises the purposes of the Volunteer and Exempt Firemen's Benevolent Association of Upper Mountain, Inc. | Chapter 377 |

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| A.2818 | Fitzpatrick | Extends provisions which authorize the Town of Islip to lease certain parklands for an ice rink and recreational facility. | Chapter 324 |
| A.3313 | DiPietro | Discontinues the Town of Concord Industrial Development Agency. | Chapter 380 |
| A.3776 | Conrad | Constitutional Amendment to extend the exclusion of sewage debt from the constitutional limit for counties, cities, towns, and villages until January 1, 2034. | 2 nd Passage |
| A.4037 | Hunter | Exempts the Southwood Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. from the requirement that the percentage of non-resident fire department members not exceed 45 percent. | Chapter 383 |
| A.4100 | Stillitti | Extends the authority of Plandome Manor to enter into contracts to sell delinquent tax liens. | Chapter 284 |
| A.4606-B | McGowan | Authorizes the Town of Orangetown, Rockland County, to establish community preservation funds and impose a real estate transfer tax to provide revenue for such funds. | Veto Memo 103 |
| A.4672 | Shrestha | Reclassifies the Town of Ulster, Ulster County, as a first-class town. | Chapter 653 |
| A.4847-A | Jacobson | Prohibits certain individuals employed by an IDA from taking any position within a business or entity doing business with the IDA. | Veto Memo 50 |
| A.5056 | Conrad | Implements the exclusion of indebtedness contracted for sewage facilities resulting from the approval of the proposed constitutional amendment. | Chapter 641 |
| A.5324 | Norris | Exempts the Crittenden Volunteer Fire Department in the Town of Alden from the requirement that the percentage of non-resident fire department members not exceed 45 percent. | Chapter 431 |
| A.5355 | Maher | Permits the village justice of the Village of Maybrook, Orange County, to reside outside of the village boundaries. | Chapter 389 |
| A.5361 | Goodell | Exempts the East Dunkirk Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. from the requirement that the percentage of non-resident fire department members not exceed 45 percent. | Chapter 424 |
| A.5783-A | Bronson | Authorizes the Town of Henrietta, Monroe County, to alienate certain lands used as parkland and to dedicate certain replacement lands as parklands. | Chapter 441 |
| A.5799-A | Gandolfo | Authorizes the Town of Islip, Suffolk County, to discontinue and lease certain parklands. | Chapter 394 |

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| A.5801 | Woerner | Amends Town Law to allow aquatic growth control districts to control aquatic invertebrate species. | Chapter 561 |
| A.5808 | DeStefano | Revises the name, management, purposes, and duties of the Bellport Volunteer Firefighter's Benevolent Association, and expands the uses of foreign fire insurance premium taxes. | Chapter 442 |
| A.5927 | Thiele | Permits the Village of Southampton to provide health insurance coverage for enrolled members of the Southampton Village Ocean Rescue. | Chapter 563 |
| A.5930-B | Morinello | Discontinues the Town of Niagara Industrial Development Agency. | Chapter 435 |
| A.5931 | Thiele | Permits the Town of East Hampton to provide health insurance coverage for enrolled members of the East Hampton Volunteer Ocean Rescue and Auxiliary Squad. | Chapter 564 |
| A.6028-A | DeStefano | Authorizes the Town of Brookhaven, Suffolk County, to alienate and replace certain parklands for the purpose of constructing a municipal drainage system. | Chapter 440 |
| A.6101 | Levenberg | Exempts the Buchanan Engine Company No. 1 from the requirement that the percentage of non-resident fire department members not exceed 45 percent. | Chapter 398 |
| A.6384-A | Gandolfo | Revises the purposes of the Ocean Beach Volunteer and Exempt Firefighters' Benevolent Association, Inc, and expands the uses of foreign fire insurance premium taxes. | Chapter 401 |
| A.6554-A | Brown | Extends the payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) authorization for Lido Beach in the Town of Hempstead. | Chapter 174 |
| A.6565 | Thiele | Extends the electronic open auction bond sale pilot program for an additional two years. | Chapter 297 |
| A.6701-A | Slater | Authorizes the Town of Yorktown, Westchester County, to discontinue as parklands and lease at fair market value certain parklands | Chapter 458 |
| A.6721 | Tague | Exempts the Leeds Hose Company No. 1, Inc. from the requirement that the percentage of non-resident fire department members not exceed 45 percent. | Chapter 463 |
| A.6727-D | Buttenschon | Revises the name, purposes, and duties of the Oriskany Volunteer Exempt Firemen's Association and expands the uses of foreign fire insurance premium taxes. | Chapter 450 |
| A.6783 | Simpson | Incorporates the Salem Volunteer Fire Department Benevolent Association and provides for its powers and duties. | Chapter 444 |

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| A.6959-A | Brabenec | Authorizes the Town of Warwick, Orange County, to alienate certain lands used as parkland and to dedicate certain replacement lands as parkland. | Chapter 203 |
| A.7080 | Ra | Revises the purposes and duties of the Volunteer and Exempt Firemen's Benevolent Association of Williston Park. | Chapter 459 |
| A.7110 | Stern | Codifies clean-up requirements for towers when towing vehicles. | Veto Memo 140 |
| A.7247-A | Burdick | Revises the purposes and duties of the South Salem Exempt Volunteer Firemen's Benevolent Association. | Chapter 447 |
| A.7274 | Blumencranz | Permits the village justice and associate justice of the Village of Laurel Hollow, Nassau County, to reside outside of the village boundaries. | Chapter 415 |
| A.7276 | Morinello | Revises the purposes and duties of the Grand Island Volunteer Firemen's Benevolent Association. | Chapter 466 |
| A.7354 | Thiele | Extends for two years the inclusion of the Trustees of the Freeholders and Commonalty of the towns of Southampton, East Hampton, and Southold as municipal corporations. | Chapter 160 |
| A.7381 | Burke | Extends for two years the provisions of law that authorize the use of installment loans from the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds. | Chapter 342 |
| A.7382 | Stillitti | Extends for two years provisions of law relating to refunding bonds issued by the Environmental Facilities Corporation through the State Revolving Fund. | Chapter 343 |
| A.7408 | Ramos | Extends provisions relating to period of probable usefulness of certain judgments, compromised claims or settled claims. | Chapter 164 |
| A.7409-A | Morinello | Revises the purposes and duties of the Wheatfield Volunteer Firefighter's Benevolent Association. | Chapter 462 |
| A.7445 | Jacobson | Extends the authorization for the electronic bidding of municipal bonds and purchase contract offers. | Chapter 183 |
| A.7580 | Hunter | Revises the purposes and duties of the Volunteer and Exempt Firemen's Benevolent Association of East Syracuse and expands the uses of foreign fire insurance premium taxes. | Chapter 421 |
| A.7633-A | Maher | Authorizes the Village of Washingtonville to issue serial bonds to finance their deficit. | Chapter 206 |
| A.7639 | Thiele | Extends, for two years, the authorization for local governments to issue statutory installment bonds to the Environmental Facilities Corporation. | Chapter 341 |

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| A.7645 | Thiele | Extends provisions of law relating to the adoption and submission of an annual budget by the Trustees of the Freeholders and Commonalty of the Town of Southampton. | Chapter 498 |
| A.7647 | Thiele | Authorizes the Town of Southampton, Suffolk County, to alienate certain parklands for the purpose of installing an algae skimmer. | Chapter 465 |
| A.7754 | Thiele | Revises the village incorporation process to increase the population threshold and eliminate the assessed value basis for petitioning for incorporation. | Chapter 774 |
| A.7761 | Thiele | Establishes a State Village Incorporation Commission to oversee the village incorporation process. | Chapter 773 |

APPENDIX C

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILLS THAT PASSED THE ASSEMBLY ONLY

| <u>Bill #</u> | <u>Sponsor</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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| A.892 | Jacobson | Revises the definition of “population” for the allocation of representation in local legislative bodies. |
| A.1514 | Giglio | Authorizes the town justice of the Town of Rushford, Allegany County, to be a nonresident of such town. |
| A.4039 | Angelino | Exempts certain fire department officers of the Village of Hancock fire department from the residency requirement. |
| A.6812-B | Simpson | Waives the residency requirement for certain county attorney positions within Essex County. |
| A.6776-A | Slater | Authorizes the Town of Putnam Valley, Putnam County, to lease sports field fences for advertisements. |
| A.7418-A | Brown | Expands the use of the foreign fire insurance premium taxes collected by the Deer Park Volunteer Exempt Firemen's Benevolent Association to be used in furtherance of its stated purposes. |