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A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY LEGISLATORS MILLS, LORIGO, RATH, MORTON & DIXON

Re: Amendment to 2016 Rules of Order Regarding Debate During Session

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature would like to amend the Erie County Rules of Order for the Erie County Legislature; and

WHEREAS, one day notice is required to be filed with the Clerk of the Legislature pursuant to section 5.09 of the 2016 rules.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, amend section 2.14 LIMITATION ON TIME OF SPEECH of the Erie County Legislative Rules of Order to read as follows:

2.14 [LIMITATION ON TIME OF SPEECH] DEBATE

No member shall speak more than five minutes at any one time, nor more than twice on the same question without permission by majority vote. However, all members shall be given an opportunity to explain their vote during a recording of ayes and noes pursuant to Rule 2.18 of this section.

During any debate occurring on the floor of the Legislature the lead sponsor, or his or her designee, in debate may be directly addressed with questions specifically relating to the item in front of the Legislature. Direct questions shall count as one of the two opportunities to speak and the member asking questions will be afforded the entirety of their time. All questions must be confined to the limitations otherwise imposed in this Rule.

The response from the lead sponsor, or his or her designee, must be related to the question asked and may be reasonably limited at the discretion of the Chair of the Legislature. For the purposes of this Rule the lead sponsor shall be the member whose name is listed first on the item at debate. The lead sponsor's responses shall not count against his or her time allowances afforded under this section.

This rule does not apply to the vote explanation allowed pursuant to 2.18, no questions are allowed during that time

RESOLVED, amend section 2.18 RECORDING AYES AND NOES of the 2016 Rules of Order to read as follows:

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2.18 RECORDING AYES AND NOES:

On a roll call, the ayes and noes shall be taken without explanation on any question wherever so required by law, or by any member, and whenever so taken shall be entered in the proceedings of the Legislature, and the Clerk shall record the names of the members and the way each shall have respectively voted. The roll is called of the minority members first, in alphabetical order, followed immediately by the majority members, in alphabetical order. Each member, as his or her name is called, shall respond in the affirmative or in the negative, as the case may be. Every member is entitled one (1) additional minute to explain their vote. Each member, however, shall be allowed to pass on the first call of the roll. To verify the vote and to correct possible errors, and to allow such members as passed on the first call of the roll; the Clerk shall repeat the call of the roll once, and only once. The only exception to this procedure is if the member abstains from voting in accordance with Section 2.21 herein;

RESOLVED, this honorable body hereby authorizes the Clerk of the Legislature to amend the numbering of the 2016 Rules of Order as necessary.

Fiscal Impact: None