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Honorable Carl Heastie
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Dear Speaker Heastie:

I am pleased to submit to you the 2019 Annual Report of the Assembly Standing Committee on Local Governments.

Throughout the year, the Committee addressed many significant issues, including parkland alienations, as well as statewide issues, including the recruitment and retention of volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers and the oversight of 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,

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 2019

A. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AID – ENACTED BUDGET

The State Budget for the State Fiscal Year of 2019-2020 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 2019-2020 was decreased by \$59 million for towns and villages whose AIM award equaled 2% or less of total expenditures in 2018. The Budget authorized the State to intercept an amount equal to the prior AIM amount from county sales tax revenues for an annual remittance to the towns and villages within the county that will no longer receive an AIM award.

Local Government Performance and Efficiency Program

The 2019-2020 Budget contained funding to continue grant programs administered by the Department Of State to provide assistance and incentives for local governments to consolidate, dissolve, share services and find other efficiencies. The programs include: \$35 million for Citizens Reorganization Empowerment grants and Citizen Empowerment Tax Credits, and \$4 million for the Local Government Efficiency Grant Program.

Tax Cap

The 2019-2020 Budget contained provisions for the elimination of the property tax cap sunset, establishing a permanent 2% property tax cap for local governments. As a result, the annual growth of local property taxes will be limited to 2% or the rate of inflation, whichever is lower.

B. MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

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 is 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 2019:

**Town of Somers Court Attendant
(A.3200 Byrne; Chapter 466 of the Laws of 2019)**

**Village of Airmont and Rockland County Building Inspector/Fire Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer
(A.5955 Jaffee; Chapter 503 of the Laws of 2019)**

**Village of Riverside Clerk/Treasurer and Code Enforcement Officer
(A.8222 Palmesano; Passed the Assembly)**

C. MUNICIPAL FINANCES

**Electronic Open Auction
(A.8336-A Thiele; Chapter 643 of the Laws of 2019)**

Currently, in New York State municipalities sell municipal bonds in a closed bidding format, where bidders are not aware of the amounts proposed by other bidders. This law would establish a two year pilot program authorizing municipalities that meet certain population and debt issuance thresholds to conduct electronic open auction public bond sales, where bids can be changed or modified after submission, in response to competing bids. The pilot program would help determine whether or not an open bidding format will decrease costs to municipalities.

Housing Affordability

There is growing concern in many communities about maintaining local employment due to the absence or high cost of housing opportunities. This year the Committee took several actions to address affordable housing.

**Peconic Bay Community Housing Fund
(A.4941-B Thiele; Veto Memo. 247)**

The unique demographics and economics of the towns of Southampton, Easthampton, Shelter Island, Southold and Riverhead, in Suffolk County (the Peconic Bay Region), is contributing to a housing shortage and lack of housing opportunities in the area. Local employers are having difficulty hiring and retaining employees because of high housing costs and lack of availability, local volunteer emergency services agencies are experiencing difficulty in recruitment and retention, and long-time residents are being forced to leave the area. This legislation would authorize each town within the Peconic Bay Region to establish a community housing fund. The established housing fund would be financed by a 0.5% supplemental real estate transfer tax,

which would be an addition to the existing 2% real estate transfer tax for the Peconic Bay Region Community Preservation Fund.

**Tompkins County Affordable Housing
(A.8225 Lifton; Chapter 232 of the Laws of 2019)**

This law explicitly authorizes Tompkins County to contract with certain entities for the development, maintenance, and management of affordable housing and allows for additional expenditures to develop new housing projects in order to address the shortage of affordable housing.

Veterans' Organization Fees

Veterans' organizations are an important aspect of local communities, ensuring that veterans receive the benefits of programs that are offered to them for their service. Veterans' posts should not be placed in a position of having to increase dues, and potentially discourage some veterans from participating, in order to facilitate building construction and improvement. The following are legislation that would permit the board of supervisors of the following counties to waive certain fees associated with such projects:

**Counties of Suffolk and Nassau
(A.7234 Thiele; Chapter 478 of the Laws of 2019)**

**Counties of Washington and Saratoga
(A.8109 Woerner; Chapter 483 of the Laws of 2019)**

**County of Erie
(A.8362 Burke; Chapter 436 of the Laws of 2019)**

D. MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS

**IDA Uniform Tax Exemption Policy
(A.1606 Hunter; Chapter 386 of the Laws of 2019)**

The current IDA uniform tax exemption policy does not require specific information about the environmental aspect of IDA projects. This law requires IDAs to consider the extent to which a proposed IDA project incorporates resource conservation, energy efficiency, green technologies, alternative and renewable energy measures, and certain environmental factors in its uniform tax exemption policy.

**Delivery of Financial Notices by IDAs
(A.2947 Solages; Veto Memo. 244)**

IDAs have the ability to offer tax exemptions to incentivize economic development projects; however, they are not required to receive approval from local governments or school districts. This bill would require IDAs to send notifications of proposed financial incentives for a project, and any reasons for deviation from their uniform tax exemption policy, to affected local taxing jurisdictions by certified mail, return receipt requested. If the affected local taxing jurisdiction is

a school district, notifications would be required to be sent to the school board and the superintendent of the school district.

Live Streaming IDA Meetings
(A.3002 Solages; Chapter 185 of the Laws of 2019)

Live streaming has become a valuable tool for governments to increase civic engagement, and allow individuals who are unable to be present at the meetings to have access to the information provided. Governments of all sizes have taken to streaming meetings as a way to increase transparency and accountability. This law requires IDAs to livestream, record, and post videos of meetings and public hearings on their website.

Calculations of School Indebtedness
(A.7062 McDonald; Veto Memo. 182)

Small city school districts with a population of less than 125,000 are subject to different requirements than other school districts when calculating their debt limits, which can impact their ability to borrow or bond for capital projects. This legislation would authorize small city school districts to exclude anticipated building aid from their debt limit calculations, in the same manner as other independent, non-city school districts.

Comptroller Oversight of Local Development Corporations (LDCs)
(A.7476 Magnarelli; Chapter 710 of the Laws of 2019)

Currently, the State Comptroller does not have the authority to directly audit local development corporations and other types of private organizations, even when they are controlled by local governments. This bill would expand the Comptroller's authorization to examine the financial affairs of every municipal corporation, district, IDA and fire company to also include any organization that is controlled by one or more municipal entities.

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.

Firefighter Cancer Presumption Eligibility **(A.5957-A Gunther; Chapter 738 of the Laws of 2019)**

There are a number of fire departments that have been unable to properly identify the eligibility of firefighters for enhanced cancer disability benefits due to the loss or absence of documented records. This legislation would authorize the Office of Fire Prevention and Control to promulgate rules and regulations regarding the acceptance of alternative documents to establish eligibility when other documentation is unavailable.

Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) **(A.7552 Thiele; Chapter 474 of the Laws of 2019)**

The Length of Service Award Programs (LOSAP) are pension-like programs intended to help recruit, retain and reward volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers for their service to the community. A defined benefit plan is a type of LOSAP that provides a specified payment amount to an eligible volunteer firefighter or ambulance worker in retirement, while a defined contribution plan sets aside a specific amount over time for an eligible volunteer firefighter or ambulance worker in retirement. The current maximum contribution for defined contribution plans has remained at \$700 per year since 2004 and has not changed to reflect the need to incentivize volunteers at organizations with LOSAP. This bill increases the maximum defined contribution of LOSAP for volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers from \$700 to \$1,200 per year of service.

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 New York State 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 detailing any land proposed to be dedicated (if replacement land is proposed for the parkland). Finally, a home rule message from the municipality requesting alienation is required prior to the Committee acting on any parkland legislation.

Town of Brookhaven

(A.3475 DeStefano; Chapter 300 of the Laws of 2019)

This law authorizes the Town of Brookhaven, Suffolk County, to lease parklands to the Patchogue-Medford Library District for the establishment of a local library branch.

Town of Hancock

(A.4748-A Crouch; Chapter 511 of the Laws of 2019)

This law authorizes the Town of Hancock, Delaware County, to alienate lands for the continued operation of a public golf course.

Town of Hempstead

(A.5210 Miller ML; Chapter 548 of the Laws of 2019)

This law authorizes the Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, to alienate parklands Mott Development for the construction of planned residential structures.

Town of Smithtown

(A.5716 Fitzpatrick; Chapter 326 of Laws of 2019)

This law authorizes the Town of Smithtown, Suffolk County, to alienate and convey certain municipal parkland in the town of Smithtown to facilitate the placement and operation of a sewer pump station.

Town of Webster

(A.6501 Johns; Chapter 369 of the Laws of 2019)

This law authorizes the Town of Webster, Monroe County, to discontinue lands as parklands for the purpose of extending the Webster Central School District sports and recreational fields.

Village of Tarrytown

(A.7134 Abinanti; Chapter 559 of Laws of 2019)

This law authorizes the Village of Tarrytown, Westchester County, to discontinue lands and alienate parklands for the purpose of completing a land transfer.

Town of Stony Point

(A.7610-A Schmitt; Chapter 639 of the Laws of 2019)

This law authorizes the Town of Stony Point, Rockland County, to alienate parklands for the operation of a public golf course.

Town of New Hartford

(A.7851-A Miller B; Chapter 371 of the Laws of 2019)

This law authorizes the Town of New Hartford, Oneida County, to alienate park lands for the installation and operation of a cell tower base station facility.

Town of Southampton

(A.7996-A Thiele; Veto Memo.169)

This legislation would authorize the Town of Southampton, Suffolk County, for the installation of drainage pipes.

Town of Brookhaven

(A.8099 Thiele; Chapter 568 of the Laws of 2019)

This law authorizes the Town of Brookhaven, Suffolk County, to alienate parklands for the installation of drainage pipes.

Town of East Hampton

(A.8100 Thiele; Chapter 609 of the Laws of 2019)

This law authorizes the Town of East Hampton, Suffolk County, to alienate certain parklands for the establishment of a hospital emergency room.

Town of Ithaca

(A.8235 Lifton; Chapter 289 of the Laws of 2019)

This law authorizes the Town of Ithaca, Tompkins County, to alienate certain parklands for the purpose of expanding a child care building and installing, operating and maintaining a septic system.

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION HEARING

The New York State Budget had an impact on a variety of local government policies and programs, including the Aid and Incentives to Municipalities (AIM) Program, which provides unrestricted State aid to cities, towns and villages, and the property tax cap. The final New York State 2019-20 Budget included a total of \$695 million for AIM, and included the Executive's proposal to decrease AIM by \$59 million for towns and villages. However, the final New York State 2019-20 Budget maintained funding for towns and villages by authorizing the State to intercept \$59 million from county sales tax revenue.

On February 11, 2019, the Committee, in conjunction with the Standing Committee on Cities, conducted a hearing in Albany to examine the implementation of the Executive's proposal for the \$59 million decrease in AIM funding that would impact approximately 90% of towns and villages and the implementation of the permanent tax cap. Testimony was presented by the New York State Association of Counties, the Association of Towns and many public representatives.

B. MUNICIPAL CREDIT UNION HEARING

On May 20, 2019, the Committee, in conjunction with the Assembly Standing Committee on Banks, conducted a hearing in Albany, to examine municipal credit unions accepting State and municipal deposits and their impact on local governments.

C. RURAL BROADBAND HEARING

On September 17, 2019, the Committee, in conjunction with the joint Commission on Rural Resources, conducted a hearing in Albany, to examine the status of rural broadband in New York State and to identify methods to encourage the expansion of broadband in rural areas of the State.

D. VETERANS' SERVICES AND PROGRAMS IN NEW YORK STATE

Veterans' services and funding in New York State are provided by not-for-profits and a variety of governmental agencies at the federal, state, and local levels. On October 17, 2019, the Committee, in conjunction with the Standing Committees on Veterans' Affairs and Cities, and the Subcommittee on Women Veterans, conducted a hearing in Albany to examine the current coordination of State and local funding and services, as well as methods to maximize the effectiveness of such benefits, to ensure that veterans, as well as service providers, are aware of the full range of benefits available.

E. INSURANCE

There are several methods by which local governments and school districts may provide health insurance benefits to their employees; including, but not limited to, purchasing a health insurance policy from a NYS-licensed insurance company, self-insuring, and joining with other local governments and school districts to form municipal health insurance cooperatives. In an effort to control health insurance costs, local governments and school districts may choose to

self-insure or form cooperatives rather than purchase a policy. On October 23, 2019, the Committee, in conjunction with the Standing Committee on Insurance, conducted a hearing in Albany that examined alternatives by which local governments and school districts may provide affordable health insurance for employees and the methods these entities can use to minimize risks while also ensuring adequate reserves, coverage, and consumer protections.

F. INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES (IDAs) AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS (LDCs)

At the local government level, economic development is frequently facilitated through IDAs, which are public benefit corporations created by the state, and LDCs, which are not-for-profit corporations, created by or for the local government. There are currently an estimated 109 IDAs and 279 LDCs located throughout the State. On November 22, 2019, the Committee, in conjunction with the Standing Committees on Corporations and Oversight, Analysis and Investigation, conducted a hearing in New York City that examined the role and the effectiveness of IDAs and LDCs, including issues related to oversight, transparency, and accountability.

V. OUTLOOK FOR 2020

The Committee recognizes the difficult economic outlook that the municipalities and citizens of New York have faced and will continue to face in the year to come. The Committee will build on the successes of the 2019 legislative session and continue to find ways to achieve savings for local governments, as well as explore other ways to reduce the cost of government in New York State.

In addition, the Committee will take an active role in examining the immediate need for meaningful relief for our struggling municipalities. The rising costs of Medicaid, education, Early Intervention, correctional services, public safety, highway and transportation services, and social services (to name a few) must be addressed. The Committee will try to help lessen the burden placed on local governments.

The Committee will also 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 to forming balanced local budgets.

The Committee also plans to continue its examination 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 also continue to address the needs of municipalities by examining home rule legislation in 2020 in order to ensure the enactment of home rule bills that provide communities with a remedy to their locally specific situations.

The Committee on 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

**2019 SUMMARY OF ACTION ON ALL BILLS REFERRED TO
THE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

<u>Final Disposition</u>	<u>Assembly Bills</u>	<u>Senate Bills</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bills Reported:			
To Codes	6	0	6
To Judiciary	0	0	0
To Ways and Means	51	0	51
To Rules	9	0	9
To Floor	6	0	6
TOTAL	72	0	72
Bills Having Enacting Clauses Stricken	2	0	2
Bills Having Committee Referenced Change	1	0	1
Bills Held in Committee	1	0	1
Total in Committee	159	21	180
TOTAL NUMBER OF MEETNGS HELD			9

APPENDIX B

Bills that Passed Both Houses

<u>Bill #</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Status</u>
A.129	Cahill	Amends the definition of a designated community to include the County of Ulster	Chapter 608
A.1606	Hunter	Requires IDAs to incorporate resource conservation, energy efficiency, green technologies, and alternative and renewable energy measures in its Uniform Tax Exemption Policy	Chapter 386
A.2947	Solages	Requires IDAs to send certain notifications to affected local taxing jurisdictions by certified mail prior to provision of financial assistance IDAs	Veto Memo 244
A.3002	Solages	Requires IDAs to live stream and post video recordings of all open meetings and public hearings	Chapter 185
A.3200	Byrne	Relates to the residency requirement for the court attendant for the Town of Somers in the County of Westchester	Chapter 466
A.3475	DeStefano	Authorizes the Town of Brookhaven to alienate certain municipal parkland	Chapter 300
A.3697	Schimminger	Relates to the sale of municipal obligations by the County of Erie	Chapter 74
A.4539-A	Stec	Authorizes the Town of Queensbury to diminish the area of the Glen Lake aquatic plant growth control district	Chapter 460
A.4676-B	Stec	Relates to permitting Essex County to enter into a municipal cooperative agreement for emergency medical services and general ambulance services	Chapter 395
A.4742-A	Stern	Authorizes the incorporation of the volunteer exempt firefighter's benevolent association of Huntington Manor	Chapter 514
A.4748-A	Crouch	Authorizes the Town of Hancock to alienate certain municipal parklands	Chapter 511
A.4763	Magnarelli	Amends Chapter 264 of the Laws of 2009, relating to communication service surcharges applied to Onondaga County	Chapter 124

A.4941-B	Thiele	Authorizes towns in the Peconic Bay region to establish community housing funds to be funded by a supplemental real estate transfer tax	Veto Memo 247
A.5483-A	Lupardo	Authorizes the issuance of certain bond anticipation notes issued by the city school district of Binghamton	Chapter 317
A.5505	Thiele	Relates to identifying lands at risk from sea level rise or flooding as eligible sending districts	Chapter 502
A.5210	Miller ML	Authorizes the Town of Hempstead, County of Nassau, to alienate certain municipal parkland	Chapter 548
A.5716	Fitzpatrick	Authorizes the town of Smithtown, County of Suffolk, to alienate certain municipal parkland	Chapter 326
A.5955	Jaffee	Relates to the residency requirement for building inspectors, fire inspectors and code enforcement officers for the Village of Airmont in the County of Rockland	Chapter 503
A.5957-A	Gunther	Revises the proof of eligibility for volunteer firefighter enhanced cancer disability benefits	Chapter 738
A.6006	Palumbo	Relates to the Fishers Island Ferry District in the Town of Southold, Suffolk County	Chapter 592
A.6464	DiPietro	Establishes the Jamison Road Volunteer Fire, Benevolent Association Inc.	Chapter 366
A.6501	Johns	Authorizes the Town of Webster, County of Monroe, to alienate certain municipal parkland	Chapter 369
A.6588-A	Stec	Relates to the disposition of foreign fire insurance premium taxes received by the Volunteer Exempt Firefighter's Benevolent Association of Whitehall, New York	Chapter 365
A.6771	D'Urso	Extends the authorization for the Village of Plandome Manor to sell delinquent tax liens	Chapter 519
A.6869	Hunter	Exempts Howlett Hill Fire Department from the requirement that the percentage of non-resident fire department members not exceed 45% of the membership	Chapter 275
A.6870	Hunter	Exempts East Syracuse Fire Department from the requirement that the percentage of non-resident fire department members not exceed 45% of the membership	Chapter 276

A.6991-A	Garbarino	Relates to the nomination of certain fire district officers in the Fair Harbor Fire District	Chapter 208
A.7000-B	Abinanti	Relates to the Fairview Firemen's Benevolent Association's usage of moneys received from foreign fire insurance companies	Chapter 404
A.7062	McDonald	Relates to school districts that have the power to contract indebtedness	Veto Memo 182
A.7069-A	Abinanti	Relates to the purpose of the Volunteer and Exempt Firemen's Benevolent Association of North Tarrytown, New York	Chapter 638
A.7134	Abinanti	Authorizes Village of Tarrytown to alienate certain municipal parkland	Chapter 559
A.7215	Smullen	Relates to the full-time status of the district attorney of Hamilton County	Veto Memo 270
A.7234	Thiele	Authorizes the counties of Nassau and Suffolk to waive certain fees for veterans organizations	Chapter 478
A.7396	Thiele	Authorizes the Town of Southampton, in the County of Suffolk, to issue bonds and notes for a certain purpose	Chapter 522
A.7397	Thiele	Authorizes the Town of East Hampton, in the County of Suffolk, to issue bonds and notes for a certain purpose	Chapter 521
A.7417	Lifton	Amends Chapter 210 of the Laws of 2009, relating to communication service surcharges applied to Tompkins County	Chapter 78
A.7432-B	McMahon	Relates to the purpose of the Snyder Volunteer Firemen's Benevolent Association	Chapter 402
A.7476	Magnarelli	Relates to State Comptroller audits of certain organizations controlled by municipal corporations and certain other government entities	Chapter 710
A.7552	Thiele	Authorizes an increase to the maximum contribution for length of service award programs (LOSAP)	Chapter 474
A.7565	Barrett	Relates to county, city, village or town commissions on human rights	Chapter 560
A.7592	Schmitt	Relates to community preservation funds for the Town of Chester	Veto Memo 167

A.7610-A	Schmitt	Authorizes the Town of Stony Point, County of Rockland to alienate certain municipal parkland	Chapter 639
A.7701	Jacobson	Authorizes the Town of Newburgh, Orange County, to establish a road improvement district	Veto Memo 278
A.7715-B	Salka	Provides for an increase in the 911 telephone service surcharge in Madison County	Chapter 711
A.7851-A	Miller B	Authorizes the Town of New Hartford, County of Oneida, to alienate certain municipal parkland	Chapter 371
A.7996-A	Thiele	Authorizes the Town of Southampton, County of Suffolk, to alienate certain municipal parkland	Veto Memo 169
A.7983	Palumbo	Authorizes the Town of Brookhaven to extend the boundaries of the Rocky Point Fire District to include the Village of Shoreham	Chapter 355
A.8099	Thiele	Authorizes the Town of Brookhaven, County of Suffolk, to alienate certain municipal parkland	Chapter 568
A.8100	Thiele	Authorizes the Town of East Hampton to alienate certain municipal parkland	Chapter 609
A.8109	Woerner	Authorizes the Counties of Washington and Saratoga to waive certain fees for veterans' organizations	Chapter 483
A.8225	Lifton	Authorizes the board of supervisors of Tompkins County to contract with certain entities for the development, maintenance, or management of affordable housing	Chapter 232
A.8235	Lifton	Authorizes the Town of Ithaca, County of Tompkins, to alienate certain municipal parkland	Chapter 289
A.8239	Thiele	Extends the expiration of Chapter 387 of the Laws of 2013 relating to the Freeholders and Commonalty of the Town of Southampton	Chapter 128
A.8262-A	Abinanti	Authorizes the comptroller of the Town of Mount Pleasant to refund fees, fines, penalties and interest to certain real property taxpayers	Chapter 432
A.8336-A	Thiele	Establishes an electronic open auction bond sale pilot program	Chapter 643
A.8340	McMahon	Authorizes the Town of Amherst, County of Erie, to alienate and discontinue the use of certain municipal parkland	Chapter 334
A.8362	Burke	Authorizes Erie County to waive certain fees for veterans' organizations	Chapter 436

APPENDIX C

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILLS THAT PASSED THE ASSEMBLY ONLY

<u>Bill #</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Description</u>
A.1823	Pretlow	Relates to the jurisdiction of a coroner or medical examiner
A.5839-A	Paulin	Amends provisions relating to the lease or sale of real property for park purposes
A.7493	Thiele	Designates the East Hampton Volunteer Ocean Rescue and Auxiliary Squad as an emergency rescue and first aid squad
A.7699-A	Gunther	Includes towns and cities within Orange County in the definition of designated community for community preservation funds
A.8195	Thiele	Relates to the preservation of community character in the Peconic Bay Region
A.8222	Palmesano	Authorizes the Village of Riverside to hire a Village clerk/treasurer and code enforcement officer who is not a resident of such village