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Legislation to allow towns of Chemung and Erin to form single Justice Court delivered to governor to be signed into law ~ O'Mara says legislation recognizes importance of local government efficiency

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**Albany, N.Y., July 14**—Legislation sponsored by Senator Tom O'Mara (R,C,I-Big Flats), Assemblyman Chris Friend (R,C,I-Big Flats) and Assemblyman Phil Palmesano (R,C,I-Corning) to authorize the town boards of the towns of Erin and Chemung in Chemung County to establish a single town court, has been delivered to Governor Andrew Cuomo to

be signed into law.

The legislation (**S7328/A10130**) was approved in early June by both the Senate and Assembly.

“The towns of Erin and Chemung have requested this authorization to consolidate their respective town courts into a single court with the recognition that it would be cost effective for local taxpayers. It would cut costs, eliminate waste and improve efficiency, which are all critical goals for local governments across the state. We’re happy to help facilitate this local consolidation at the request of the towns,” said O’Mara.

O’Mara said that the legislation was necessary since current state law does not allow consolidations like this one unless the towns form a contiguous geographic area. A small portion of the town of the Baldwin separates the towns of Chemung and Erin.