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NEW YORK STATE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE

ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT



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The Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins
Temporary President and Majority Leader
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Dear Senator Stewart-Cousins:

I am pleased to submit the Annual Report of the New York State Senate's Standing Committee on Local Government for the 2019 Legislative Session. It was a pleasure and honor to serve as Chairman of this committee, which serves our city, county, town and village governments. As Chair, I am proud to continue to lead our efforts to address important matters under my committee's jurisdiction.

During the 2019 session, this committee held seven meetings in session and reported 88 bills, including:

- 41 bills that became laws;
- 32 bills that only passed the Senate;
- 11 bills that remained on the Third Reading Calendar;
- 2 bills that were advanced to another Committee;
- 2 bill that was vetoed by the Governor; and

I thank my colleagues who served on the Committee for their efforts and support of the work that was accomplished in the committee this year, and I thank you for the continued support from the Majority Conference in the committee's operations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'James F. Gaughran'.

James F. Gaughran
Chair, Senate Local Government Committee
State Senator, 5th Senate District

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT
Senator James F. Gaughran, Chair

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILLS CHAPTERED INTO LAW IN 2019

S88	KAMINSKY	Requires each industrial development agency to live stream and post video recordings of all open meetings and public hearings.	Chapter 185
S1012	METZGER	Relates to permitting the Middletown School District to establish an insurance reserve fund.	Chapter 509
S1653	SKOUFIS	Authorizes the assessor of the Town of Haverstraw, County of Rockland, to accept from Hi Tor Animal Care Center, Inc. and application for exemption from real property taxes.	Chapter 296
S1675	SKOUFIS	Provides a temporary extension for payment of real property taxes owed by a person who has been either a furloughed or designated non-pay federal employee.	Chapter 9
S1735	JACOBS	Relates to permitting the Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda Union Free School District to establish an insurance reserve fund.	Chapter 321
S1864	GAUGHRAN	Relates to the redemption of real property subject to a delinquent tax lien.	Chapter 704
S1877	MAYER	Relates to insurance reserve funds of the Mamaroneck Union Free School District.	Chapter 551
S1927A	BOYLE	Authorizes the West Babylon Church of God of Prophecy Inc., to file an application for exemption for real property taxes for certain assessment rolls.	Chapter 459

S2685	MAYER	Relates to insurance reserve funds for the Bedford Central School District.	Chapter 325
S2859	FLANAGAN	Relates to authorizing the Town of Smithtown, County of Suffolk to alienate and convey certain parcels of land used as parklands.	Chapter 326
S2877	MARTINEZ	Relates to authorizing the Town of Brookhaven, in the County of Suffolk, to lease parklands to the Patchogue-Medford Library.	Chapter 300
S2979A	GAUGHRAN	Authorizes the incorporation of the volunteer exempt firefighter's benevolent association of Huntington Manor.	Chapter 514
S3405	STEWART-COUSINS	Relates to bonds and notes of the City of Yonkers.	Chapter 71
S3409	HARCKHAM	Relates to the residency requirement for the court attendant for the Town of Somers in the County of Westchester.	Chapter 466
S3452	LAVALLE	Relates to the Fishers Island Ferry District in the Town of Southold, Suffolk County; repealer	Chapter 592
S3476	GALLIVAN	Creates the Jamison Road Volunteer Fire, Benevolent Association Inc.	Chapter 366
S4092A	KAMINSKY	Authorizes the Village of Island Park to retroactively apply for a real property tax exemption for certain property.	Chapter 593
S4113	CARLUCCI	Extends limitations on the shift between classes of taxable property in the Town of Clarkstown, County of Rockland.	Chapter 119
S4140	KAPLAN	Relates to permitting a retroactive property tax exemption to Lubavitch of Roslyn.	Chapter 473
S4141	KAPLAN	Relates to permitting a retroactive property tax exemption to Shelter Rock Islamic Center, Inc.	Chapter 346
S4159	KENNEDY	Relates to the sale of municipal obligations by the County of Erie.	Chapter 74

S4161	GAUGHRAN	Authorizes the assessor of the Town of Huntington, County of Suffolk, to accept from the South Huntington Union Free School District an application for exemption from real property taxes.	Chapter 403
S4173A	GAUGHRAN	Relates to proof of eligibility for volunteer firefighter enhanced cancer disability benefits.	Chapter 738
S4196	JACKSON	Relates to the certain variations from generally accepted accounting principles as applied to the budget and accounts of the City of New York.	Chapter 406
S4197B	JACKSON	Relates to the sale, issuance and refund of bonds and notes of New York City.	Chapter 75
S4207A	METZGER	Relates to the maximum contribution for certain service award programs.	Chapter 474
S4362A	KAPLAN	– Relates to authorizing the Village of Westbury to receive retroactive real property tax exempt status.	Chapter 348
S4758A	BROOKS	Relates to the Town of Babylon being able to a grant tax-exempt status to Ahmadiyya Movement In Islam Inc.	Chapter 518
S5281B	SKOUFIS	Alienates certain parklands in the Town of Stony Point, County of Rockland.	Chapter 639
S5769	KAPLAN	Authorizes the Village of Plandome Manor entering into contracts to sell delinquent tax liens.	Chapter 519
S4911	KENNEDY	Relates to the sale of bonds and notes of the City of Buffalo.	Chapter 77
S5138	MAYER	Relates to county, city, village or town commissions on human rights.	Chapter 560
S5232	BRESLIN	Permits the Morning Start Missionary Baptist Church to file an application for a real property tax exemption.	Chapter 562
S5233	BRESLIN	Permits Mount Moriah Baptist Church to file and application for a real property tax exemption.	Chapter 351

S5234	BRESLIN	Permits the Church of Jesus Christ to file an application for a real property tax exemption.	Chapter 425
S5235	BRESLIN	Permits the Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany, Inc. to file an application for a real property tax exemption.	Chapter 563
S5253A	CARLUCCI	Limits the shift between classes of taxable property in the Town of Orangetown, County of Rockland.	Chapter 121
S5265	CARLUCCI	Authorizes Hatzoloh EMS Inc. of Monsey to file an application for a real property tax exemption.	Chapter 259
S5445	SKOUFIS	Relates to comptroller audits of certain organizations controlled by municipal corporations and certain other government entities.	Chapter 710
S5647B	KAPLAN	Authorizes BB/S Facilities Management Corporation to receive retroactive real property tax exempt status.	Chapter 302
S5865A	GRIFFO	Authorizes the Town of New Hartford, County of Oneida to alienate and convey certain parcels of land used as parkland.	Chapter 371

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILLS PASSED SENATE ONLY

S102	KAMINSKY	Authorizes the Sunrise Day Camps Association, Inc. to receive retroactive real property tax exempt status.
S128	CARLUCCI	Provides a tax exemption on real property owned by active auxiliary police officers in local law enforcement agencies in certain counties.
S252	KENNEDY	Relates to permitting school districts to favor locally sourced good.
S781	BRESLIN	Relates to the provision of geographic information system mapping technology for strategic planning and municipal study assistance.
S1146	CARLUCCI	Requires an electronic version of a town clerk's signboard on a town website.
S1904	GAUGHRAN	Eliminates the expiration of and makes permanent provisions of law establishing the property tax cap.
S1913	GAUGHRAN	Authorizes municipalities to offer real property tax credits to certain volunteers who live in a municipality but who serve in neighboring municipalities.
S2612	HARCKHAM	Authorizes the taxation of state land in the County of Westchester.
S2613A	HARCKHAM	Authorizes the taxation of state land in the County of Dutchess.
S2900	KAPLAN	Establishes a green development neighborhood tax exemption.
S2936	KAMINSKY	Changes the date of the public hearing to discuss the contents of the proposed budget of fire, fire alarm, and fire protection districts.

S3057	GAUGHRAN	Establishes the payment of certain volunteer firefighter and volunteer ambulance worker death benefits shall be within ninety days of the filing of application to receive such death benefit.
S3443	HARCKHAM	Includes certain spent nuclear fuel within the definition of real property.
S3685B	BROOKS	Provides that authorities having control of a fire department or fire company which provides emergency medical services may establish fees and charges for services.
S3738	LAVALLE	Authorizes the Town of East Hampton to reduce the maximum speed limit along certain designated streets in such town.
S3994	GAUGHRAN	Relates to authorizing the appointment of an additional associate village justice by villages.
S4175	GAUGHRAN	Authorizes municipalities to treat unpaid fines for building code and fire code violations as unpaid real property taxes, except in the case of a primary residence, and to impose a tax lien therefor
S4230B	KAMINSKY	Relates to assessments of special franchise property owned by water works corporations.
S4570B	GAUGHRAN	Authorizing the Board of Fire Commissioners of the East Northport Fire District to receive retroactive real property tax exempt status.
S4631	GAUGHRAN	Provides total disability benefits for volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers for injuries sustained on or after July 1, 2019.

S4670	KAPLAN	Authorizing the assessor of the County of Nassau, to accept from Lubavitch of Old Westbury, and application for exemption from real property taxes.
S4701A	BROOKS	Permits the Roosevelt Fire District to file and application for retroactive real property tax exemption.
S4766	KAMINSKY	Relates to the preservation of regionally significant projects with respect to agencies drawing on funds for new building projects.
S4907	SKOUFIS	Requires a municipality to give notice to an adjacent municipality of the adoption or amendment of certain zoning ordinances or local laws that affect parcels of land within 500 feet of the adjacent municipal.
S5312	HARCKHAM	Directing the state board of real property tax services to conduct a study on real property tax saturation
S5418	HARCKHAM	Makes provisions permanent relating to disability due to disease or malfunction of the heart or coronary arteries
S5419	HARCKHAM	Makes permanent provisions creating a presumption relating to certain lung disabilities incurred by volunteer firefighters.
S5473A	MARTINEZ	Relates to compensation of chairman, election inspectors and ballot clerks for fire districts elections.
S5592	KAMINSKY	Authorizes the County of Nassau to lease for an additional ten year period, the park lands it was previously authorized to lease pursuant to Chapter 269 of the Laws of 1979.

S5895	GAUGHRAN	Increases the number of years of service that a participant in a defined contribution plan or defined benefit plan service award program may receive a contribution.
S6025	GAUGHRAN	Relates to designating a portion of state land located in the County of Suffolk to be subject to taxation.
S6027	GAUGHRAN	Relates to subjecting the planting fields arboretum state historic park to taxation for all purposes.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILLS ON THIRD READING

S195	ORTT	Relates to reducing the maximum speed limit along a certain portion of Mapleton Road in the Town of Pendleton to 45 miles per hour.
S395	LANZA	Defines a real estate team as two or more person associated with the same real estate brokerage who hold themselves out or operate as a team.
S1662C	SKOUFIS	Sets a 7 year limit to the real property tax exemption for unimproved property of mandatory class nonprofit organizations.
S1914	GAUGHRAN	Relates to reductions of payments in lieu of taxes.
S2242	SANDERS	Relates to notice to the commander of a military station of certain municipal actions.
S4254	MARTINEZ	Authorizes educational institutions to pay the salaries and compensation of school resource officers.
S4611	GAUGHRAN	Provides no county shall supersede any state law which relates to the division of any county into districts for the purpose of apportionment.

S4676A	KAVANAGH	Relates to interest rates imposed on late payment of property taxes and delinquencies.
S5041	MAYER	Amends provisions relating to the lease or sale of real property for park purposes.
S5674A	GAUGHRAN	Requires assessors using the comparable sales method for assessments to consider certain comparable properties in formulating the assessment.
S5793A	SKOUFIS	Relates to incorporation of villages.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILLS ADVANCED TO A COMMITTEE OF
SECOND REFERENCE**

S3818	GOUNARDES	Relates to sick leave for officers and employees with a qualifying World Trade Center condition.
S5854	GAUGHRAN	Relates to providing enhanced cancer disability benefits to volunteer firefighters.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILLS VETOED

S2769	COMRIE	Relates to requiring notice and confirmation of such notice by affected local taxing jurisdictions and school districts prior to approval of projects by industrial development agencies.
S5425	MAYER	Relates to the definition of school districts which have the power to contract indebtedness.



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