

LATE-FILE

REFERRED TO:

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -18

MEMORIALIZING THE GOVERNOR AND
NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO
FULLY FUND EARLY VOTING OPERATIONS

WHEREAS: Under State Law, counties in New York State manage, operate, and fund elections in New York State; and

WHEREAS: In his State of the State Address and Executive 2018-19 State Budget proposal, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo has proposed requiring every county to offer residents early voting opportunities through at least one early voting poll site during the 12 days leading up to Election Day; and

WHEREAS: The proposal will require counties to offer at least eight hours on weekdays and five hours on weekends to cast early ballots; and

WHEREAS: Counties must have one early voting poll site for every 50,000 residents, at a location determined by the bipartisan county Board of Elections and subject to standards of accessibility and convenience; and

WHEREAS: County Boards of Elections will designate at least five polling places in each county, geographically located so as to provide all voters in the county with an equal opportunity to cast a ballot; and

WHEREAS: These proposals will significantly increase costs to county Boards of Elections for staffing and securing early voting locations, printing and counting additional ballots, and meeting other legal elections requirements associated with maintaining polling stations over an extended period of time (rather than one day); and

WHEREAS: Under New York State Law, counties have the authority to pass elections costs on to their municipal counterparts, which is done by more than half of counties; and

WHEREAS: The cost of early voting has been estimated at \$6.4 million per year; and

WHEREAS: The State-imposed property tax cap makes it difficult for local governments to absorb new costs of any kind; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature calls upon the State to fund all costs associated with early voting; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the State consider removing the early voting requirement unless they are able to provide full funding; and be it further

RESOLVED: That certified copies of this resolution be sent to Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Senator Fred Akshar, Assemblyman Christopher Friend, and New York State Association of Counties.

REFERRED TO: FINANCE/LEGAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -18 AUTHORIZE REIMBURSEMENT TO
DARYL WILLIAMS

WHEREAS: Daryl Williams was employed by the Tioga County Sheriff's Department before retiring in 2009; and

WHEREAS: Daryl Williams has made a claim that he has been underpaid for past due employee benefits through no fault of his own; and

WHEREAS: The Tioga County Legislature wishes to reimburse Daryl Williams for such underpaid benefits and adjust his claim through April 2018; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Tioga County Legislature authorizes payment to Daryl Williams in the amount of \$72,500, which shall be paid from the Liability Insurance Fund, Account No. CI120000 contingent upon entering into a settlement agreement with the County as approved by the County Attorney.

REFERRED TO:

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. -18

AUTHORIZE APPOINTMENT OF
VOTING MACHINE TECHNICIAN
BOARD OF ELECTIONS

WHEREAS: Legislative approval is required for any appointment to a non-union position within Tioga County; and

WHEREAS: A part-time Voting Machine Technician position became vacant on February 26, 2018; and

WHEREAS: The Democratic Commissioner of the Board of Elections received authorization to backfill said vacancy; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Jean Caporal is appointed to the title of Voting Machine Technician effective March 19, 2018 at the established non-union rate of \$16.52 per hour.