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LAWS OF 19       

MEMORANDUM NO.       

SENATE BILL 6257-A

ASSEMBLY BILL       

S. 6257--A  
Cal. No. 212

A. 6255--A

# SENATE — ASSEMBLY

(Prefiled)

January 5, 2000

IN SENATE -- Introduced by Sen. LARKIN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Cities -- reported favorably from said committee to third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

IN ASSEMBLY -- Introduced by M. of A. CAHILL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Libraries and Education Technology -- reported and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT in relation to establishing a library district in the city of Kingston, Ulster county

DATE RECEIVED BY GOVERNOR:

3/14

ACTION MUST BE TAKEN BY:

3/28/00

DATE GOVERNOR'S ACTION TAKEN:

MAR 28 2000

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SENATE VOTE          Y          N

HOME RULE MESSAGE          Y          N

DATE                                 

BILL IS DISAPPROVED

ASSEMBLY VOTE          Y          N

DATE                                 

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COUNSEL TO THE GOVERNOR

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THE SENATE  
STATE OF NEW YORK

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SENATOR, 39TH DISTRICT  
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March 16, 2000

Honorable James M. McGuire  
Executive Chamber  
State Capitol  
Albany, New York 12224

RE: S.6257-A/A.9255-A: AN ACT in relation to establishing a library district in the city of Kingston, Ulster County.

Dear Mr. McGuire:

I would like to take this opportunity to contact you with regard to S.6257-A, referenced above, and to urge the Governor to sign this measure into law. This legislation authorizes the establishment of the Kingston Library District in the city of Kingston, Ulster County.

Pursuant to its provisions, S.6257-A provides the authority for the formation of a public library district which will consist of the city of Kingston. The formation of this district is subject to a public referendum which will take place on June 6, 2000. At that time, the district must be approved by a majority vote of the qualified voters of the City. Thus, this legislation will provide the resident voters of the city of Kingston with the opportunity to determine whether or not they want to permanently fund a community based library.

This proposal was requested by the board of trustees of the existing Kingston Library and by the Common Council of the City of Kingston (Resolution No.222 of 1999). The establishment of the Kingston Library District is vital for the continued improvement and advancement of the educational needs of the residents of Kingston.

In light of the foregoing, I respectfully request that the Governor act favorably on this proposal. Thank you for your consideration of this legislation. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely

William J. Larkin, Jr.  
State Senator

WJL:mms



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TO COUNSEL TO THE GOVERNOR

Re: SENATE 6257-A  
ASSEMBLY

Inasmuch as this bill does not appear to relate to the functions of the Department of Law, I am not commenting thereon. However, if there is a particular aspect of the bill upon which you wish comment, please advise me.

ELIOT SPITZER  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

Date: March 10, 2000

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March 23, 2000

TO: Counsel to the Governor

FROM: Kathy A. Ahearn *KAA by GVP*

SUBJECT: S.6257-A/A.9255-A

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:

This bill would establish a library district in the City of Kingston, Ulster County. The bill provides for approval by the voters of the City of Kingston in the process of establishing the district. It further provides for the election of the board members, organization and structure, and taxing and financing of the new district.

The State Education Department supports this bill, which was requested by the Board of Trustees of the existing Kingston Library and by the City of Kingston. Libraries that have public votes on their budgets and which elect their library trustees are usually funded at a higher level and are more accountable to the public than libraries that do not have public votes. This legislation should bring improved library service for the people of the City of Kingston.

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Resolution No. 222 of 1999

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON,  
NEW YORK, REQUESTING A WAIVER OF HOME RULE FOR THE  
ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT FOR THE KINGSTON  
LIBRARY

Sponsored By: Laws & Rules Committee: Aldermen Schupp, Reynolds, Parker and Jones .  
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WHEREAS, The Kingston Library has explored different options for its financing; and

WHEREAS, one such option involves the creation of a special taxing district; and

WHEREAS, before such a tax district can be created by the New York State Legislature,  
the City of Kingston must waive its Home Rule authority; and

WHEREAS, to encourage voter turnout, the City of Kingston recommends that no less than  
4 polling places be established for this vote; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that the Kingston City Clerk be the Clerk of the election; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Kingston to waive its Home Rule  
authority on the issue of establishing a special taxing district for the Kingston Library.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF KINGSTON, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION-1. That the City of Kingston hereby waives its Home Rule authority on the issue  
of creating a special tax district for the Kingston Library.

SECTION-2. That the City of Kingston hereby requests that the New York State Legislature  
enact legislation for submission by referendum on the question of whether a special library tax district  
should be created for the Kingston Library.

SECTION-3. That the initial budget for the Kingston Library shall not exceed \$350,000.

SECTION-4. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Submitted to the Mayor this 6<sup>th</sup> day of

December, 1999.

Approved by the Mayor this 9 day of

December, 1999.

  
Kathy Janeczek, CITY CLERK

  
T. R. Gallo, MAYOR

Adopted by Council on December 7, 1999.

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THE KINGSTON AREA LIBRARY



ESTABLISHED 1899

17 March 2000

Honorable James M. McGuire  
Executive Chamber  
State Capitol  
Albany NY 12224

Dear Mr. McGuire:

Kingston Library was pleased to learn yesterday from Senator William Larkin's office that legislation to create a special library district for the City of Kingston (Senate 6257 A; Assembly 9255 A), which passed in both houses of the New York State Legislature last week, has now been sent to the Governor for his consideration.

The bill contains an early election date, June 6 this year, at which a referendum on the question of creating the library district is to be held. The Kingston Library board, and many others in our community, would be most gratified if Governor Pataki could be afforded an early chance to consider the matter. I hope it may be possible for your office to help us. With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

K. J. McIntyre  
President, Board of Trustees

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