

LEGISLATURE - 1010

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The Albany County Legislature serves as the County's legislative, appropriating, and policy-determining body.

ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

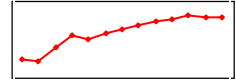
The Albany County Legislature is established by Article 2 of the Albany County Charter. Adopting and enacting the resolutions and local laws necessary for the operation of County government is the primary responsibility of the Legislature. Adoption of a fiscally sound County budget and determination of salaries for all officers and employees are included in the many responsibilities of the Legislature.

The Legislature, a unicameral body, is composed of 39 County legislators elected to four-year terms from single-member districts. Each district is apportioned by population and each legislator represents approximately 7,550 County residents. The County Legislature meets on the second Monday of each month in the Legislative Chambers of the Albany County Courthouse. Its ten standing committees and additional special committees also meet on a monthly basis, or as necessary.

The Legislature's presiding officer, the Chairperson, is elected by the body at its organizational meeting. Majority and minority leaders are elected by their respective party caucuses. The County Legislature appoints a Clerk of the Legislature and other officers pursuant to the County Charter and Sections 400(4)(a) and 475 of the County Law. The Clerk and a majority and minority staff provide support services to legislators. The Clerk is the legal custodian of all acts and proceedings of the Legislature, including records, vouchers and other papers required or authorized by law to be deposited in the Clerk's Office.

Except for formula driven calculations such as fringe benefit costs, retirement, and health insurance, the Legislature's requested budget is included without change in the County Executive's budget.

APPROPRIATION HISTORY



1998:	\$1,402,648
1999:	\$1,397,797
2000:	\$1,719,367
2001:	\$2,017,362
2002:	\$1,916,837
2003:	\$2,079,479
2004:	\$2,209,382
2005:	\$2,262,753
2006:	\$2,375,340
2007:	\$2,405,015
2008:	\$2,562,943
2009:	\$2,509,651
2010:	\$2,497,538

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