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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. TEDISCO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Local Government

AN ACT to amend the town law, in relation to the establishment of a joint police district for the towns of Webb and Inlet

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The town law is amended by adding a new article 10-A to  
2 read as follows:

### ARTICLE 10-A

#### JOINT POLICE DISTRICT FOR THE TOWNS OF WEBB AND INLET

5 Section 160. Establishment of a joint police district for the towns of  
6 Webb and Inlet.

7 § 160. Establishment of a joint police district for the towns of Webb  
8 and Inlet. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,  
9 the towns of Webb and Inlet may establish a joint police district as  
10 follows:

11 1. The town board of the town of Webb, in the county of Herkimer, and  
12 the town board of the town of Inlet, in the county of Hamilton, may  
13 establish a joint police district to provide police services for both  
14 such towns.

15 2. To establish a joint police district in accordance with this  
16 section, the town boards of the towns of Webb and Inlet shall each  
17 enact, by a majority vote, a local law to establish and operate the  
18 joint police district. The boundaries of the joint police district shall  
19 be the boundaries of the town of Webb and the town of Inlet, and shall  
20 include all territories within such towns. Prior to the adoption of such  
21 local law, each town board shall hold a public hearing, and a notice of  
22 such hearing shall be published and posted in the same manner as for  
23 other local laws adopted by such towns. The local law establishing the  
24 joint police district may be amended by the same means and procedures as

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 is required to establish the joint police district pursuant to this  
2 section.

3 3. The local law establishing the joint police district shall provide  
4 for the appointment of a board of police commissioners, of not less than  
5 three persons, with not less than one commissioner being appointed by  
6 the town board of the town of Webb, not less than one commissioner  
7 appointed by the town board of the town of Inlet, and not less than one  
8 commissioner appointed by the other commissioners. The board of police  
9 commissioners shall be the governing body of the police department of  
10 the joint police district, and its commissioners shall each serve for a  
11 term of four years. The local law establishing the joint police district  
12 shall specify what, if any pay, compensation or benefits, to which a  
13 police commissioner may be entitled. A commissioner appointed by a town  
14 board may be removed for cause by the town board of that town, and the  
15 commissioner appointed by the other commissioners may be removed for  
16 cause by a unanimous vote of the other such appointing commissioners.

17 4. The local law establishing the joint police district shall further  
18 provide for an ad valorem real property tax on all real property within  
19 the district to support and fund the costs and expenses of the joint  
20 police district. For all state property located in the joint police  
21 district, which is in whole or in part within the Adirondack park, the  
22 state of New York shall be assessed and shall pay the ad valorem real  
23 property tax to support and fund its assessed share of the costs and  
24 expenses of the district. All assessments for, and collections of, the  
25 ad valorem real property tax to support the joint police district shall  
26 be performed by the town in which the real property is located.

27 5. The local law establishing the joint police district shall further  
28 provide that the board of police commissioners shall annually provide a  
29 budget for the costs and expenses of the joint police district, and  
30 shall submit such budget to the town boards of the towns of Webb and  
31 Inlet for their approval. Approval of such submitted budget shall  
32 require the majority approval of each of the town boards of the towns of  
33 Webb and Inlet. If either or both such town boards fail to approve the  
34 budget submitted by the board of police commissioners, then the budget  
35 shall be returned to the board of police commissioners for amendment,  
36 and may thereafter, after such amendment, be resubmitted back to such  
37 town boards for their reconsideration. Until such time as a budget for  
38 the joint police district is approved, the budget which was last  
39 approved by the town boards of the towns of Webb and Inlet for the joint  
40 police district shall remain in force and effect.

41 6. All employment decisions, including appointments, dismissals,  
42 promotions, discipline and force deployments, for the joint police  
43 district shall be performed and determined by the board of police  
44 commissioners. Any contract with any employee organization representing  
45 members of the police officers or civilians employed by the joint police  
46 district, shall be negotiated by and approved by a majority vote of, the  
47 board of police commissioners. The local law establishing the joint  
48 police district shall provide for the titles of the police officers and  
49 civilian employees of the joint police district.

50 7. The joint police district, by a majority vote of the board of  
51 police commissioners, shall be empowered, but shall not be required, to  
52 accept any and all assets or personnel from the town of Webb and/or the  
53 town of Inlet. Upon the acceptance of any such assets, the title to such  
54 shall become the property of the joint police district.

55 8. The town of Webb and/or the town of Inlet may discontinue their  
56 participation in the joint police district by means of a four-fifths

1 vote of its town board. In the event that either or both towns vote to  
2 discontinue the continuation of the joint police district, then the  
3 district shall be deemed dissolved, and the assets of the district shall  
4 be divided between the town of Webb and the town of Inlet on the basis  
5 of the percentage of the ad valorem real property tax paid by the prop-  
6 erties within each town to support the joint police district.

7 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided however, that in  
8 the event a joint police district is established pursuant to this act by  
9 the town of Webb and the town of Inlet by local law, such joint police  
10 district shall commence operation on the first of January following the  
11 enactment of such local law.