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Introduced by M. of A. FRIEND, PALMESANO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT to amend the uniform justice court act, in relation to merging town justice courts

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 106-a of the uniform justice court act, as amended by section 2 of part L of chapter 56 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

1. The town boards of two or more towns that form a contiguous geographic area within the same county are hereby authorized to establish a single town court to be comprised of town justices to be elected from each of such towns in the same manner and for the same terms as town justices are so elected except that the number of such terms expiring in any one year may not exceed by more than one the number of terms expiring in any other year in which terms expire; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THE TOWN BOARDS OF THE TOWNS OF ERIN AND CHEMUNG IN CHEMUNG COUNTY ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO ESTABLISH A SINGLE TOWN COURT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION. The procedure to establish such single court may be initiated by the town board or may be initiated by petition. In the event the procedure is initiated by petition, the petition shall be addressed to each town board and shall be signed by at least twenty percent of the registered voters in such towns.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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