

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

May 1, 2026

Introduced by Sen. ASHBY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Investigations and Government Operations

AN ACT to amend the public officers law, in relation to removing residency requirements for Washington county deputy county attorneys

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

1 Section 1. Section 3 of the public officers law is amended by adding a  
2 new subdivision 77 to read as follows:

3 77. In the county of Washington, the provisions of this section  
4 requiring a person to be a resident of the political subdivision or  
5 municipal corporation of the state for which such person shall be chosen  
6 or within which such person's official functions are required to be  
7 exercised, shall not prevent a person from holding the office of the  
8 deputy county attorney of the county of Washington, provided that such  
9 person resides in Washington county or an adjoining county within the  
10 state of New York; provided, however that any person performing such  
11 functions or holding the office of the deputy county attorney in any  
12 other county shall be a resident of such county unless otherwise  
13 provided by law.

14 § 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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