STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

February 11, 2026

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

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to providing for the preservation of the names and geographic areas of hamlets following the consolidation of local government entities

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

Section 1. Legislative intent. The creation and evolution of local governments in this state has constituted a vital part of the state's political and social historical development. Local governments have provided a strong basis for local pride and identification, yet fiscal and other needs may call for consolidation of the corporate structures. Procedures for consolidation should allow local initiative and implementation of the consolidation and should recognize and provide a mechanism for continuing local identification with governmental antecedents. Hamlets, which delineate geographic areas within the new government structure but without separate governmental powers, will provide this mechanism for retention of local identification with traditional governmental entities.

§ 2. Section 750 of the general municipal law is amended by adding a new subdivision 19 to read as follows:

19. "Hamlet" shall mean a geographic designation within the surviving local government which may identify a constituent local government's former boundaries for purposes of local place name identification.

§ 3. Paragraphs (l) and (m) of subdivision 2 of section 752 of the general municipal law, as added by chapter 74 of the laws of 2009, are amended and a new paragraph (n) is added to read as follows:

(l) the effective date of the proposed consolidation; [~~and~~]

(m) the time and place or places for the public hearing or hearings on such proposed joint consolidation agreement pursuant to section seven hundred fifty-four of this title[~~.~~]**; and**

(n) a plan to maintain the names and geographic areas designated as hamlets of the surviving local government, if any.

§ 4. 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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