

STATE OF NEW YORK

10572

IN SENATE

May 26, 2026

Introduced by Sen. STEWART-COUSINS -- read twice and ordered printed,
and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Civil Service and
Pensions

AN ACT to amend chapter 617 of the laws of 1937 relating to an additional alternative form of government for the county of Westchester, in relation to the authority of the state civil service commission to administer the county service in Westchester

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

1 Section 1. Section 92 of chapter 617 of the laws of 1937, relating to
2 an additional alternative form of government for the county of Westches-
3 ter, is amended to read as follows:

4 § 92. Civil service law to apply; powers and duties of the personnel
5 officer. Except as otherwise provided by this act, all positions in the
6 county service shall be subject to the civil service law of the state.
7 The personnel officer shall have with respect to the county service the
8 powers and duties of a municipal civil service commission [~~except that~~
9 ~~the state civil service commission shall continue to have those powers~~
10 ~~and duties specified in the civil service law relating to (a) the~~
11 ~~assignment of positions in the classified service to exempt, labor,~~
12 ~~non-competitive and competitive classes, or to such other classes as may~~
13 ~~be established generally by rules of the commission, (b) the determi-~~
14 ~~nation of the merit and fitness of applicants and (c) the certification~~
15 ~~of lists of eligibles for appointment to positions in the county~~
16 ~~service. The state civil service commission, in certifying lists of~~
17 ~~eligibles for appointment to positions in the county service shall~~
18 ~~include in such lists only the names of residents of Westchester county~~
19 ~~unless specifically instructed otherwise in writing by the personnel~~
20 ~~officer after approval by the county executive~~].

21 § 2. Section 94 of chapter 617 of the laws of 1937, relating to an
22 additional alternative form of government for the county of Westchester,
23 is amended to read as follows:

24 § 94. Classification, rates of pay, personnel procedures. It shall be
25 the duty of the personnel officer, as soon as practicable after this act

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

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1 become effective in the county, to recommend to the county executive for
2 submission to the county board an act providing (a) for the classifica-
3 tion of positions in the county service on the basis of duties and
4 responsibilities; (b) for schedules of pay for each position so that, as
5 nearly as may be, equal pay may be given for equal work and responsibil-
6 ity; (c) for an orderly procedure of administering all personnel matters
7 except those matters reserved to the state civil service commission by
8 the provisions of this article. [~~Such act or amendment thereto shall not~~

9 ~~become effective with respect to any procedure involving appointments,~~
10 ~~separations, promotions, demotions, transfers or reinstatements until~~
11 ~~that procedure has been approved by the state civil service commission.]~~

12 The county board shall within three months thereafter adopt such act in
13 the original or some modified form, and may thereafter, from time to
14 time adopt amendments thereto as occasion requires. Classifications,
15 rates of pay and procedures in force when this act becomes effective
16 shall continue in force until modified by such act.

17 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.