

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

March 6, 2026

Introduced by Sen. HINCHEY -- 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 Ulster county assistant district 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 Ulster, the provisions of this section requiring
4 a person to be a resident of the political subdivision or municipal
5 corporation of the state for which such person shall be chosen or within
6 which such person's official functions are required to be exercised,
7 shall not prevent a person from holding the office of assistant district
8 attorney for the county of Ulster, provided that such person resides in
9 Ulster county or an adjoining county within the state of New York;
10 provided, however, that any person performing such functions or holding
11 the office of assistant district attorney in any other county shall be a
12 resident of such county unless otherwise provided by law. The provisions
13 of this subdivision shall not apply to any person holding the office of
14 first assistant district attorney or chief assistant district attorney,
15 the holder of which would assume the duties of the district attorney
16 upon the district attorney's absence from the county or upon the
17 district attorney's inability to perform such district attorney's
18 duties.

19 § 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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