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Referral No. 7523 December 19, 2023

### LOCAL LAW NO. 7 OF 2023 COUNTY OF ROCKLAND STATE OF NEW YORK

# EARL/HOFSTEIN: M.V.

A local law to increase the compensation for the Rockland County District Attorney to provide additional compensation.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the County of Rockland as follows:

### Section 1. Legislative intent

NYS Judiciary Law § 183-a states that,

the district attorney of each county having a population of more than one hundred thousand and less than five hundred thousand according to the last federal census, ... and the district attorney of any county, the board of supervisors of which has designated such office as a full-time position . . ., shall receive an annual salary equivalent to that of county judge in the county in which the district attorney is elected or appointed, together with such additional compensation as the legislative body of such county may provide by local law.

Rockland County is a County of approximately 345,000 residents and has a full-time District Attorney. As such, presently the District Attorney is paid the equivalent of a County Court Justice. That salary is \$200,400.

The Legislature of the County of Rockland finds that the District Attorney for this County is deserving of additional compensation which is similar to the salaries of other county officers with similar responsibilities who have received increases in salary over the past few years, which the District Attorney did not receive, additionally if the District Attorney does not receive an increase in salary, certain staff in his office will be receiving a salary in excess of the salary of the District Attorney and upon the District Attorney's request. It is satisfied that additional compensation should be awarded, and that the services of the District Attorney should be compensated at a rate equal to the salary of a New York State Supreme Court Justice.

#### Section 2. Additional compensation for the District Attorney

Notwithstanding any previous local laws or resolutions, the annual salary of the Rockland County District Attorney is hereby fixed at \$210,420 to be paid effective January 1, 2024:

#### Section 3. Retroactivity

If this law becomes effective after January 1, 2024, the salary will be retroactive back to January 1, 2024.

# Section 4. Supersession of prior legislation

All local laws and resolutions of the legislature of Rockland County or the former board of supervisors of Rockland county, to the extent that the same are inconsistent with this law, are hereby superseded by this law.

### Section 5. Future adjustments

Nothing contained herein shall prohibit the legislature from fixing a different salary for the position of District Attorney by resolution or local law at any time that such an adjustment by resolution or local law would be permissible under New York State Law.

#### Section 6. Effective date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon its filing with the New York State Secretary of State.

The vote resulted as follows:

Ayes:	14	(Legislators Earl, Foley, Friedman, Grant, Hofstein, Jobson,
		Soskin, Tyer, Wieder, Wolfe, Yeger, Cornell, Paul, Hood, Jr.)
Nay:	01	(Legislator Santulli)
Absent:	02	(Legislators Carey, Falciglia)

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# STATE OF NEW YORK )

) ss.:

COUNTY OF ROCKLAND )

I, the undersigned, Clerk to the Legislature of the County of Rockland DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the attached is an original Local Law of such Legislature, duly adopted on the <u>19<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023</u> by a majority of the members elected to the Legislature while such Legislature was in regular session with a duly constituted quorum of members present and voting.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that at the time said Local Law was adopted said Legislature was comprised of seventeen members.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of said Legislature this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023.

Date sent to the County Executive: December 20, 2023

In Min

Edwin J. Day, County Executive County of Rockland

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Date

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