



# County of Albany

112 State Street  
Albany, NY 12207

## Legislation Text

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### REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

**Description (e.g., Contract Authorization for Information Services):**

One year request for waiver of Albany County Residency Requirement for new Regional Immigration Assistance Center Immigration Counsel

Date: 1/30/2020  
Submitted By: Bakary Janneh  
Department: Office of Immigration Assistance  
Title: Dep Director  
Phone: 5184477040  
Department Rep.  
Attending Meeting: Evelyn Kinnah

**Purpose of Request:**

- ☐ Adopting of Local Law
- ☐ Amendment of Prior Legislation
- ☐ Approval/Adoption of Plan/Procedure
- ☐ Bond Approval
- ☐ Budget Amendment
- ☐ Contract Authorization
- ☐ Countywide Services
- ☐ Environmental Impact/SEQR
- ☐ Home Rule Request
- ☐ Property Conveyance
- ☒ Other: (state if not listed) Request for residency waiver - one year

### CONCERNING BUDGET AMENDMENTS

**Increase/decrease category (choose all that apply):**

- ☐ Contractual
- ☐ Equipment
- ☐ Fringe
- ☐ Personnel

- ☐ Personnel Non-Individual  
☐ Revenue

Increase Account/Line No.: Click or tap here to enter text.  
Source of Funds: Click or tap here to enter text.  
Title Change: Click or tap here to enter text.

### **CONCERNING CONTRACT AUTHORIZATIONS**

#### **Type of Contract:**

- ☐ Change Order/Contract Amendment  
☐ Purchase (Equipment/Supplies)  
☐ Lease (Equipment/Supplies)  
☐ Requirements  
☐ Professional Services  
☐ Education/Training  
☐ Grant

Choose an item.

Submission Date Deadline Click or tap to enter a date.

- ☐ Settlement of a Claim  
☐ Release of Liability  
☐ Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

#### **Contract Terms/Conditions:**

Party (Name/address):  
Click or tap here to enter text.

Additional Parties (Names/addresses):  
Click or tap here to enter text.

Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: Click or tap here to enter text.  
Scope of Services: One year residency waiver for counsel

Bond Res. No.: Click or tap here to enter text.  
Date of Adoption: Click or tap here to enter text.

### **CONCERNING ALL REQUESTS**

Mandated Program/Service: Yes ☐ No ☒  
If Mandated Cite Authority: Click or tap here to enter text.

Is there a Fiscal Impact: Yes ☐ No ☒  
Anticipated in Current Budget: Yes ☐ No ☐

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line: Click or tap here to enter text.

Revenue Amount: Click or tap here to enter text.

Appropriation Account and Line: Click or tap here to enter text.

Appropriation Amount: Click or tap here to enter text.

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal: Click or tap here to enter text.

State: Click or tap here to enter text.

County: Click or tap here to enter text.

Local: Click or tap here to enter text.

Term

Term: (Start and end date) 02/01/2020 - 4/30/2021

Length of Contract: Click or tap here to enter text.

Impact on Pending Litigation

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, explain: Click or tap here to enter text.

Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:

Resolution/Law Number: Click or tap here to enter text.

Date of Adoption: Click or tap here to enter text.

**Justification:** (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

The Office of Immigration Assistance (OIA) requests a residency waiver to allow for the consideration and hiring of qualified applicants who reside outside of Albany County to fill the vacant position of Immigration Counsel. OIA will make every effort and will continue to pursue qualified individuals that live in Albany County, can meet the travel requirements, and provide the skills necessary to satisfy our contractual obligations. This position requires a unique set of expertise defined and funded by the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services (NYS ILS) and will be responsible for the Regional Immigration Assistance Center (RIAC) 6<sup>th</sup> region, made up of 14 counties. OIA is responsible for ensuring that providers of indigent legal services within all 14 counties have access to training and legal support necessary to provide competent advice to their clientele that will prevent unnecessary and often severe unforeseen consequences in criminal, appellate, immigration, and family court matters. Civil Service and Affirmative Action have posted the position online as well as with various other professional networks. NYS ILS will also share the posting with their network once they have executed all contracts related to this program. The RIAC has received eleven inquiries, with five applicants residing outside of the county. The RIAC recently completed a sixth interview with two candidates meeting the minimum qualifications. The RIAC continues to search for a qualified candidate.