

Local Law Introductory Number 2 of 2023

A Local Law Adjusting the Weighted Vote of the Greene County Legislature.

BE IT ENACTED by the County Legislature of the County of Greene as follows:

Section 1. **Legislative Intent**

It is the intent of the Greene County Legislature by this local law to adjust the weighted vote of the individual members of the Greene County Legislature to reflect the results of the 2020 United States Federal census.

Section 2. **Legislative Authority**

This local law is enacted pursuant to the provisions of Section 10(1)(i)(ii)(a)(13) of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Section 3. **Weighted Vote of the Greene County Legislature**

- (a) The population to be utilized in adjusting the votes of the Greene County Legislature shall be the 2020 United States Federal census exclusive of those persons incarcerated in state correctional institutions and facilities located within Greene County.
- (b) The weighted voting calculations shall be based upon the 2022 Greene County Weighted Vote Recalculation Report prepared for Greene County by the Research Foundation for the State University of New York through the Benjamin Center of SUNY New Paltz, dated September 14, 2022. The Weighted Vote Recalculation Report utilizes the Banzhaf Power Index for the recommended adjustment of weighted votes.
- (c) For purposes of this local law the 2020 population and the weighted voting system for Greene County shall be as follows:

GREENE COUNTY LEGISLATURE: 2020 POPULATION AND WEIGHTED VOTES							
District	Municipalities	Members	Population	Population/ Legislator	Population Proportion/ Legislator	Weighted# of Votes	Weighted Vote Total
1	Catskill	4	11341	2835.25	6.18%	618	2472
2	Coxsackie	2	6237	3118.50	6.80%	680	1360
3	Athens	1	3924	3924	8.56%	856	856
4	Greenville	1	3745	3745	8.17%	817	817
5	New Baltimore	1	3227	3227	7.04%	704	704

6	Prattsville, Ashland, Windham, Jewett	1	4044	4044	8.82%	878	878
7	Halcott, Lexington, Hunter	1	4057	4057	8.85%	878	878
8	Cairo	2	6652	3326	7.25%	725	1450
9	Durham	1	2628	2628	5.73%	585	585
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Section 4. **Effect on Prior Local Law(s)**

This local law shall supersede any prior local laws.

Section 5. **Severability**

If any section, subdivision, paragraph, subparagraph, clause, term, or part thereof is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent portion and such shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion thereof.

Section 6. **Effective Date**

This local law is subject to referendum on petition pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law Section 24(2)(j). This local law shall take effect 45 days after its adoption pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law Section 24(1), subject to the provisions thereof.