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**ASSEMBLYWOMAN MICHELLE SCHIMEL & SENATOR CRAIG JOHNSON
INTRODUCE CHAPTER AMENDMENTS TO CONSOLIDATION/DISSOLUTION LAW**

Assemblywoman Michelle Schimel and Senator Craig Johnson introduced legislation (A.10432/S.7238) this week to amend the New York Government Reorganization and Citizen Empowerment Act (Empowerment Act). Joining Assemblywoman Schimel and Senator Johnson in proposing these chapter amendments are the New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM), the Association of Towns (AOT), the Firemen's Association of the State of New York (FASNY), and the Association of Fire Districts of the State of New York (AFDSNY).

On December 11, 2008 Attorney General Andrew Cuomo announced a plan to fundamentally reorganize and consolidate local government through legislation, the "Empowerment Act," which was signed into law last year and took effect on March 21, 2010.

“Although the goal of the consolidation/dissolution law is laudable, it presents some technical issues that need to be addressed to prevent legal challenges to the local governments, fire districts, and special districts attempting to consolidate or dissolve. These chapter amendments address those concerns,” said Assemblywoman Michelle Schimel, a member of the Assembly’s Committee on Local Governments.

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