



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Peter Oberacker

## Senator Oberacker's Bill Streamlining Local Court Proceedings Receives Senate Approval

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Measure will save money for taxpayers in Delaware, Otsego, and Schoharie counties

**ALBANY, 05/21/24** -- State Senator Peter Oberacker (R/C – Schenevus) today announced legislation ([S.6798](#)) he sponsors to streamline court proceedings in Delaware, Otsego, and Schoharie counties was approved by the state senate.

**“During the COVID-19 pandemic, a number of policies were instituted in order to adhere to social distancing guidelines,”** said Senator Oberacker. **“One policy that proved advantageous was the**

**use of virtual arraignments for court proceedings. This bill will allow Otsego, Delaware, and Schoharie counties to utilize this technology at their discretion moving forward.”**

Senator Oberacker’s legislation allows Delaware, Otsego, and Schoharie counties to join thirty-seven other counties across the state that have been granted the authority to conduct arraignments electronically.

**“Our rural police departments and courts are stretched incredibly thin and any policy change that helps with efficiency has my full support. I speak with our local sheriffs and county officials on a regular basis as we work together to formulate policies that will meet the needs of those we represent and this is an idea that they favor;”** added Senator Oberacker.

Companion legislation (A.6738) sponsored by Assemblyman Chris Tague was previously approved. The bill must now be signed by the governor to become law.

**“Permitting the use of virtual arraignments will save taxpayers money, help streamline court proceedings and allow our police to focus on other job responsibilities keeping the public safe,”** concluded Senator Oberacker.

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Permits certain defendants in a criminal action in Delaware, Otsego or Schoharie county to appear electronically, with the approval of the court

May 10, 2023

Senate Floor Calendar

Sponsored by **Peter Oberacker**

Do you support this bill?