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Governor Signs New Tedisco & Walsh Law to Protect Saratoga County Residents

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New law sponsored and passed by Senator Tedisco and Assemblywoman Walsh enables Saratoga County District Attorney to recruit “best and brightest” to protect and serve residents. Senator Jim Tedisco (R,C-Ballston Lake) and Assemblywoman Mary Beth Walsh (R,C-Ballston) today announced new legislation they sponsored to benefit Saratoga County residents has been signed into law by Governor Kathy Hochul.

The legislation sponsored and passed by Senator Tedisco and Assemblywoman Walsh enables the Saratoga County District Attorney's Office the option of boosting its recruitment efforts to find the most talented candidates to serve as assistant district attorneys by allowing those who reside in adjoining counties to Saratoga the opportunity to apply for the job ([S.8634](#)).

"These are challenging times for our law enforcement and district attorneys with rising concerns about crime in New York State, as we continue to see with the bail fail law, which has created a revolving door of danger and disaster in New York State and has impacted the 44th Senate District most recently with the robbery at Lola Saratoga Springs. We need to support our district attorneys and ensure they have all the tools they need to recruit and retain the best and brightest prosecutors to serve residents in Saratoga County and protect our communities. That's why this new law is so important," said Senator Jim Tedisco.

"One of the greatest opportunities I have as a member of the NYS Assembly is to help my local communities. This session, I was grateful for the opportunity to have sponsored a bill which waives the residency requirement for Assistant District Attorneys in Saratoga County, which passed unanimously in June," said Assemblywoman Mary Beth Walsh. "Earlier this week this bill became a law, and its immediate implementation will greatly benefit Saratoga County. The expansion of the pool of eligible applicants for this position, will create a smoother process of justice for all involved. I'm thrilled I was able to help our county with such a critical issue."

Saratoga County District Attorney Karen A. Heggen noted the significance of the new district attorney law, "This new law affords the Saratoga County District Attorney's Office the flexibility that over 20 counties in New York State currently have, which is to hire the most qualified attorneys without concern for where they are residing. I truly appreciate the support of Senator James Tedisco and Assemblywoman Mary Beth Walsh who sponsored

this legislation for recognizing the challenges in recruiting the best and the brightest to serve the citizens of our county.”

RELATED LEGISLATION

2023-S8634

- Introduced

- - In Committee Assembly
 - In Committee Senate

- - On Floor Calendar Assembly
 - On Floor Calendar Senate

- - Passed Assembly
 - Passed Senate

- Delivered to Governor

- Signed By Governor

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[Exempts the residency requirement for certain assistant district attorney positions within Saratoga County](#)

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Senate Floor Calendar

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