

THE PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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**AGENDA
SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE
CALLED BY THE CLERK AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHAIRWOMAN
TO BE HELD IN ROOM #318
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

Monday May 19, 2025 6:00 P.M.

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Legislative Prayer**
- 3. Roll Call**
- 4. Approval - Home Rule Request - Requesting the New York State Legislature Enact Senate Bill S7540A and Assembly Bill A8080A**
- 5. Adjournment**

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Committee Mtg _____	Resolution # _____
Introduced By _____	Regular Mtg _____
Seconded By _____	Special Mtg _____

REQUESTING THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE ENACT SENATE BILL S7540A AND ASSEMBLY BILL A8080A

WHEREAS, Putnam County has historically relied on an additional one percent (1%) county sales tax to fund essential public services and infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, this additional sales tax is currently set to expire on November 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill S7540A and Assembly Bill A8080A have been introduced in the New York State Legislature to extend this additional one percent (1%) county sales tax for an additional two years, through November 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, these bills also mandate that one-ninth of the revenue generated from the additional one percent (1%) sales tax be allocated to the towns and villages within Putnam County, distributed based on population, with each municipality guaranteed a minimum annual allocation of \$50,000, to be used exclusively for local infrastructure projects and capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, this revenue-sharing provision represents a historic compromise between the County Executive, Town Supervisors, and Village Mayors, ensuring that all municipalities benefit directly from the sales tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, the extension and equitable distribution of the additional sales tax revenue will provide continued financial stability for the county and its municipalities, enabling the funding of critical infrastructure projects without increasing property taxes; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby expresses its strong support for Senate Bill S7540A and Assembly Bill A8080A and respectfully urges the New York State Legislature to enact these bills into law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature is hereby directed to forward copies of this resolution to the Governor of the State of New York, the Temporary President of the New York State Senate, the Speaker of the New York State Assembly, Senator Peter Harckham, Assemblymember Matthew Slater, Assemblymember Dana Levenberg, and all others deemed necessary and proper.

Legislator Addonizio	_____
Legislator Birmingham	_____
Legislator Crowley	_____
Legislator Ellner	_____
Legislator Gouldman	_____
Legislator Jonke	_____
Legislator Montgomery	_____
Legislator Russo	_____
Chairwoman Sayegh	_____



May 8, 2025

Diane Schonfeld
Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature
40 Gleneida Ave.
Carmel, NY 10512

Dear Diane Schonfeld,

Enclosed for your legislative attention is A8080A/S7540A.

As duly elected members of Putnam County's delegation to the New York State Legislature, we have all sponsored this enabling legislation to jointly extend the County's sales tax rate by 1% beyond November 30, 2025, and share 1/9th of the 1% extension's revenue among the nine (9) municipalities of the County based on population for public projects and excluding payroll expenses.

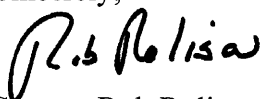
This legislation was prompted by a request received from every town and village executive in Putnam County. Since its introduction, this delegation has subsequently received local resolutions supporting this proposal that passed unanimously by every town and village board in Putnam County.

In order for A8080A/S7540A to advance and ensure that the County sales tax rate does not default to 3% after November 30, State law requires a home rule resolution passed by the County legislature and signed by the county executive.

The NYS Legislature's session ends in several weeks. Therefore, we respectfully request your prompt attention to this matter so we can effectively work to ensure its passage in our respective chambers. The County legislature needs to complete all necessary actions and submit all forms by the week of May 27th to ensure the bill has an opportunity to pass before the end of session.

Model resolution and the necessary home rule forms are enclosed herein for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Senator Rob Rolison



Senator Peter Harckham



Assemblyman Matthew Slater



Assemblywoman Dana Levenberg

Enclosure:

A8080A/S7540A

Model Home Rule Resolution

New York State Home rule form

Cc:

Hon. Kevin Byrne, Putnam County Executive

Hon. Amy Sayegh, Chair of the Putnam County Legislature

Hon. Jacqueline Annabi, Putnam Valley Town Supervisor

Hon. Michael Cazzari, Carmel Town Supervisor

Hon. Nicholas Durante, Southeast Town Supervisor

Hon. Jon Van Tassel, Philipstown Town Supervisor

Hon. Richard Williams, Patterson Town Supervisor

Hon. Katherine Foley, Cold Spring Village Mayor

Hon. James Schoenig, Brewster Village Mayor

Hon. Christine Winward, Nelsonville Village Mayor

A08080 Summary:

BILL NO A08080A

SAME AS SAME AS

SPONSOR Slater

COSPNSR Levenberg

MLTSPNSR

Amd §1210, Tax L; add §1262-w, Tax L

Extends the one percent increased county sales tax for Putnam county for two years; requires one-ninth of such one percent increase in sales tax be allocated to towns and villages in such county.

A08080 Actions:

BILL NO A08080A

04/24/2025 referred to ways and means

05/01/2025 amend and recommit to ways and means

05/01/2025 print number 8080a

A08080 Memo:

NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY
MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION
submitted in accordance with Assembly Rule III, Sec 1(f)

BILL NUMBER: A8080A

SPONSOR: Slater

TITLE OF BILL:

An act to amend the tax law, in relation to extending the one percent increased county sales tax for Putnam county

PURPOSE OR GENERAL IDEA OF BILL:

Extends the one percent increased county sales tax for Putnam County

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS:

Section 1 - authorizes Putnam County to extend the sales tax increase until November thirtieth two thousand twenty-seven

JUSTIFICATION:

Putnam county executive and municipalities have requested that the state allow the extension of the one percent increased county sales tax for an additional two years. With the passage of this sales tax extender Putnam County will enter into a historic agreement with all towns and villages to share sales tax revenue for the first time in county history.

PRIOR LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

New Bill

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

None for the state, increased revenue for the county

EFFECTIVE DATE:

Immediately

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

April 24, 2025

Introduced by M. of A. SLATER, LEVENBERG -- read once and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the tax law, in relation to extending the one percent increased county sales tax for Putnam county

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Clause 39 of subparagraph (i) of the opening paragraph of
2 section 1210 of the tax law, as amended by chapter 238 of the laws of
3 2023, is amended to read as follows:

4 (39) the county of Putnam is hereby further authorized and empowered
5 to adopt and amend local laws, ordinances or resolutions imposing such
6 taxes at a rate that is: (i) one-half of one percent additional to the
7 three percent rate authorized above in this paragraph for such county
8 for the period beginning September first, two thousand five and ending
9 August thirty-first, two thousand seven; and (ii) one percent additional
10 to the three percent rate authorized above in this paragraph for such
11 county for the period beginning September first, two thousand seven and
12 ending November thirtieth, two thousand [~~twenty-five~~] twenty-seven;

13 § 2. The tax law is amended by adding a new section 1262-w to read as
14 follows:

15 § 1262-w. Disposition of net collections from the additional rate of
16 sales and compensating use tax in the county of Putnam. Notwithstanding
17 any contrary provision of law, if the county of Putnam imposes the addi-
18 tional one percent rate of sales and compensating use taxes authorized
19 by section twelve hundred ten of this article for all or any portion of
20 the period beginning September first, two thousand seven and ending
21 November thirtieth, two thousand twenty-seven, the county shall allocate
22 one-ninth of the net collections from the additional one percent to the
23 towns and villages in the county on the basis of their respective popu-
24 lations, determined in accordance with the latest decennial federal

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

1 census. Each town and village within the county shall receive at mini-
2 mum, a sum of fifty thousand dollars annually and shall use such revenue
3 for public projects limited to local infrastructure projects and capital
4 improvements.

5 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.