

***Public Hearing
Local Law Introductory B of 2009
March 5, 2009***

The Public Hearing on Local Law Introductory B of 2009 A Local Law authorizing the County of Tioga and the District Attorney to appoint non-Tioga residents to the positions of Assistant District Attorney was called to order by the Chair at 1:33 P.M. All Legislative members were present.

There were four people in attendance.

The Clerk read the legal notice as published in the official newspapers.

District Attorney Gerald Keene spoke. I am pleased that the Legislature is considering this Law. I do think that it is necessary to have this Law in Tioga County because of the limited number of Attorneys that we have in the County. I have not counted them recently, but I believe it is somewhere between 30 and 35 Attorneys that we have in the County and half of them do not do criminal work, so when trying to find someone who is a resident of the County to work in the District Attorney’s Office is difficult. I think it is more important to have a qualified person regardless of whether they are residents of the County or not. I do plan to continue to try to select people from within the County whenever that is possible because that is a better practice and works better to use within the County, but sometimes it is just not possible. I am supporting this Local Law and asking the Legislature to give it favorable consideration.”

There being no further comments, the hearing was adjourned at 1:36 P.M.