The proposed amendment would define “public officer” to mean the following:

• A judge or justice of the Unified Court System; and
• The head of any state or local government department, division, board, commission, bureau, public benefit corporation, or public authority in New York who is vested with authority, direction, and control over that entity;
• A county, city, town, or village manager or administrator, or equivalent position;
• A person filling an elected office within New York;
•  The head of any state or local government department, division, board, commission, bureau, public benefit corporation, or public authority in New York Governor, whether or not that appointment has to be confirmed by the Senate;
• A person holding an office that is filled by appointment by the New York Governor, whether or not that appointment has to be confirmed by the Senate; and
• A public officer’s spouse or parent.

Supporters of this proposal believe that it is necessary to further discourage elected officials from committing crimes while in office. Crime victims have the right to be heard and their personal rights and needs need to be protected. The families of these public officials may rely on their spouse’s/parent’s pension.

New York State’s Constitution protects the State’s forest preserve as wild forest land, prohibiting the lease, sale, exchange, or taking of any forest preserve land. The proposed amendment will create two exceptions to this broad protection of the forest preserve to make it easier for municipalities to undertake certain health and safety projects.

First, if passed, the proposed amendment will create a land account of up to 250 acres of forest preserve land. A town, village, or county can apply to the land account if it has no viable alternative to using forest preserve land for certain limited health and safety purposes. Those purposes are (1) to address bridge hazards or safety on county highways and certain town highways; (2) to eliminate the hazards of dangerous curves and grades on county highways and certain town highways; (3) to relocate, reconstruct, and maintain county highways and certain town highways; and (4) for water wells and necessary related accessories located within 530 feet of a state highway, county highway, or certain town highway, where needed to meet drinking water quality standards. The State will acquire 250 acres, subject to approval by the Commissioner of Natural Resources, to incorporate into the forest preserve to replace the land placed in the health and safety land account.

Second, if passed, the proposed amendment will allow bicycle paths and specified types of public utility lines to be located within the widths of state, county, and certain town highways that traverse forest preserve land. The work on the bicycle paths and utility lines must minimize the removal of trees and vegetation. And, if passed, the proposed amendment will allow a stabilization device (such as a guy wire) for an existing utility pole to be located near the width of a highway when necessary to ensure public health and safety and when no other viable option exists. The proposed amendment expressly will not permit the construction of a new intrastate gas or oil pipeline that did not receive necessary state and local permits and approvals by June 1, 2016.

WHAT IS THE BACKGROUND ON THIS PROPOSAL?

The Adirondack forest preserve is protected under the “Forever Wild” clause of the New York State Constitution. Article 14, Constitution, protects officials from committing crimes while in office. The proposed amendment would allow states to take place within the preserve. The proposed amendment would allow for the installation of new bike paths, broadband internet, and water well infrastructure.

Local governments, elected officials, and the Department of Environmental Conservation must support this amendment. Support is necessary in order for these regions to maintain the safety of residents and ensure that quality of life is maintained. Environmental advocacy groups typically resist amendments to the “Forever Wild” clause that have received support from New York State environmental groups. This proposal is similar to previous amendments for state highways and land restoration projects. The League did not find any groups opposing this amendment. For more information on your ballot including candidates and ballot proposals go to www.vote411.org
DON’T KNOW WHERE TO VOTE?
Most boards of elections in New York State send a postcard noting that you are registered and telling you the location of your polling place. If you do not receive this postcard, call your county board of elections to verify your registration and the location of your polling place. You can also use the “Look up your voter registration” facility on the NYS Board of Elections website (www.elections.ny.gov) under “Voter Information”.

NOT GOING TO BE HOME ON ELECTION DAY? CAN’T GET TO THE POLLS?
If you are a registered voter but will be away on Election Day or will be unable to go to the polls because of illness or physical disability, you can request an absentee ballot from any county board of elections, or download an application from the League of Women Voters website at www.lwvny.org. October 31 is the postmark deadline for sending in your application by mail. November 6 is the last day you can apply in person for an absentee ballot to your county board of elections. Once it has received your application, your county board of elections will give or mail your ballot to you.

ABSENTEE VOTING
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Allowing the Complete or Partial Forfeiture of a Public Officer’s Retirement System

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WHAT IF A MAJORITY VOTES NO?
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WHERE CAN I GET INFORMATION ON REGISTERING AND VOTING?
There will be candidates for local elective offices, including:

• judges of various courts depending on your location
• local officials, such as town council members or county district attorneys
• three ballot proposals (language appears later in brochure)

WHAT IF YOU MOVE?
If you move to a new county, send the form to your new county board of elections. If you are already registered, your change of address must be received by your board of elections by October 18th to vote in the General Election. If you move within your county and cannot notify your board of elections, you can go to the polling place for your new address and vote by affidavit (paper) ballot. The ballot will be sent to the board of elections to verify the new address. If verified, your vote will be counted and your change of address will be made a part of their records. If you have a driver’s license or motor vehicle registration and need to be a form with the Department of Motor Vehicles to change your address, you can call the Board of Elections of your address change at the same time by checking “yes” for that option on DMV’s Form MV-252. You can also change your address, party affiliation or name online at dmv.ny.gov/mydmv/mydmx.

WHERE CAN I GET INFORMATION ON THE VOTING MACHINES?
For the voting machines and procedures in advance, consult the NYS Board of Elections equipment information website at http://www.vote.ny.gov/english/index.php. There will also be at least one Ballot Marking Device (BMD) for disabled individuals who cannot mark a ballot without assistance. Ask your poll workers for help with this equipment; they are trained to provide this assistance.

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