

**FY 2021 NEW YORK STATE EXECUTIVE BUDGET**

**RESTRUCTURE THE UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM  
CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

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A BUDGET BILL submitted by the Governor in  
Accordance with Article VII of the Constitution

### CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

proposing an amendments to article 6 of  
the constitution, in relation to consolidation  
of the unified court system, and the repeal  
of sections 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 34,  
35, 36, 36-a, 36-c, and 37 and subdivision j  
of section 22 of article 6 of the constitution  
relating thereto

#### Purpose:

This concurrent resolution would restructure the New York state unified court system to make it more efficient, cost effective, and sensitive to the needs of litigants.

#### Summary of Provisions and Statement in Support:

This concurrent resolution would amend article 6 of the constitution, and repeal sections 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 34, 35, 36, 36-a, 36-c, and 37 and subdivision j of section 22 of article 6 of the constitution.

These amendments will consolidate 11 different kinds of trial courts (excluding the Justice Courts) into the existing Supreme Court and creating a new statewide Municipal Court. The landmark proposal also allows the Legislature to evaluate and adjust the number of judicial departments every 10 years.

#### Budget Implications:

Enactment is necessary to implement the FY 2021 Executive Budget, because it will streamline the New York state court system and result in taxpayer savings.

#### Effective Date:

This concurrent resolution becomes effective following passage by the Legislature over two successive legislative sessions, upon approval by voters.