

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.