

Suffolk County Legislature – Public Safety Committee

Presiding Officer: Legislator Bill Lindsay

Represented at REMSCO by Robert Calarco, Chief of Staff to Legislator Jack Eddington, 7th LD

The Suffolk County Legislature was created in 1970 as the legislative branch of government following the dissolution of the Board of Supervisors. The Legislature is comprised of 18 elected Legislators, each representing a proportional number of approximately 1.5 million Suffolk County residents. Each Legislative District is redrawn every ten years corresponding with the United States Census and adjusting for population growth and shifts. Legislators can be elected to a maximum of six consecutive two-year terms.

The Legislature is the policy setting body of Suffolk County government, and through which all new Local Laws and Charter Laws must be introduced, debated and approved. Additionally, the Legislature alone has the power to make appropriations, authorize taxes and incur indebtedness for the purpose of carrying out responsibilities and duties of county government.