

VETO MESSAGE - No. 212

TO THE ASSEMBLY:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, the following bill:

Assembly Bill Number 4070, entitled:

"AN ACT to amend the real property tax law, in relation to the process for local disciplinary actions against assessors"

NOT APPROVED

This bill would provide local property tax assessors with a State appeals process to appeal any disciplinary actions taken against them by a local appointing authority.

Local property tax assessors are employees of local governments, not the State. No other employees of local government have such a right. Thus, if enacted this legislation would insert the State into a local government's exclusive affairs while treating local property tax assessors differently from other local government employees. An earlier version of this law lapsed in 2010; there is no reason to revive it now. Therefore, I must disapprove this bill.

The bill is disapproved.

(signed) ANDREW M. CUOMO

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