

New York State Legislature Act to Revise the Charter of the City of Buffalo and Governor's Veto Memorandum A0041

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- Hill, David B. (David Bennett), 1843-1910
- New York (State). Governor (1885-1892 : Hill)