Finding Aid for the New York State Counsel to the Governor Legislative Bill and Veto Jackets series.

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Online Finding Aid Record:
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Overview of Records

Repository:
New York State Archives

Summary:
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Creator:
New York (State). Counsel to the Governor

Title:
Legislative bill and veto jackets

Inclusive Dates:
1883-2019

Quantity:
2,345.5 cubic feet (includes 630 rolls of microfilm and 29,660 microfiche)

Series Number:
12590

**Arrangement:**

1905-1978: By approved or vetoed, then chronological by year, then numeric by chapter number (if approved) or introductory number (through 1958) or veto number (beginning 1959) (if vetoed). 1905 vetoes have Senate and Assembly introductory numbers interfiled; 1926-1958 vetoes are arranged by house, then by introductory number.

1979 to present: Chronological by year, then by approved or vetoed, then numeric by chapter number or veto number.

2004: Chapters are numerical. Vetoes numbered 25-219 are line item vetoes and are filed with their respective chapters. Vetoes numbered 220-319 follow the chapters.

2006-2007: Line item vetoes and vetoes overridden are filed with chapters.

**Scope and Contact Note:**

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the bill, stating any legal or constitutional objections to it, and sometimes stating reasons for a
law or a clause in a law, who supports it and objects to it, what the law would do, and advice as
to whether the governor should approve or veto the bill; checklist of state agencies, municipal
officials and groups, and legal groups from whom recommendations were solicited or received;
and correspondence, memoranda, and telegrams from interested persons, businesses,
organizations, state agencies, and local government officials expressing reasons for their
approval or disapproval of the bill, discussing the purpose of the bill and its possible impact on
the state or on state agencies, or requesting a hearing on the bill; beginning in 1960, state
agency recommendations were made in a uniform format providing recommendation (approval
or disapproval), statutes involved, effective date, purpose of the bill, summary of its provisions,
and reasons for recommendation. Content of the jackets is very uneven; some contain all these
types of documents, while others may contain only the printed bill or a few of the other
documents. A few jackets are missing. Pre-1900 jackets are few and fragmentary.

**Use of Records:**

**Access Restrictions:**
Restricted: Pre-1920 records are closed to research because of extreme fragility.

Restricted: Pre-1940 records may be too fragile to reproduce.

**Alternate Formats Available:**
Bill jackets, 1905, 1921-1974, and veto and recall jackets, 1905, 1926-1958, available on
microform at the New York State Library (Albany), New York Public Library (New York), and
State University of New York at Buffalo Law Library.

Bill and veto jackets, 1975-1982, available on microfilm at the New York State Archives.


Bill and veto jackets, 1995-present, available as scanned images at the New York State Archives.
**Related Information:**

**Related Materials:**
Series A4438, Governor's bill files, contains related records created by the Counsel to the Governor

Series 13123, Memoranda on pending legislation, contains related records created by the Division of the Budget

Series 19614, Legislative program bill files, contains related records created by the Department of Taxation and Finance.

**Other Finding Aids:**
Container lists for most accretions are available at the repository.

Lists for microfilm and microfiche are available at the repository.

**Access Terms:**

**Subjects:**
- Legislation
- Women--Legal status, laws, etc.
- Women--Health and hygiene
- Governors
- Women public officers
- Governors--Powers and duties

**Corporate Names:**
- New York (State). Counsel to the Governor
- New York State Archives
- New York (State). Governor

**Genres:**
- Legislation

**Functions:**
- Legislating

Detailed Description:
Contact repository for copy with container list information.