

What is my role?

In essence, my role is to advocate for you at the Capitol. From January to June, I am in Albany traveling to and from the district office weekly. In both offices, I meet with constituents, attend meetings, answer calls and emails concerning local issues, visit community events, and work with staff on legislation.

These offices serve as a vital bridge between the assemblymember and the local community, ensuring constituents' concerns and needs are effectively communicated and addressed at the state level.

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What I'm advocating for:

- ✓ Public Safety
- ✓ Gun Rights
- ✓ Affordability
- ✓ Agriculture
- ✓ Education



I vote for common-sense policy.

Scan the QR code or visit the site to view my bill introductions and sponsorships.

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Happy New Year!

The legislative session has begun, and I'll be in Albany more often during this time to represent you and advocate for our district. It's important for voters to be informed and be a part of the legislative process. Hopefully, this mailer provides better insight into who I am and what my role is.

For those who are new to the district, welcome! Here is some information about me. I am the assemblymember for District 117, which encompasses parts of Jefferson, Lewis, Oneida, and St. Lawrence counties. I am the assistant minority leader and a member of several committees, including Energy, Rules, Agriculture, Insurance, Ways and Means, Commission on Skills Development and Career Education, and Corporations, Authorities and Commissions.

Between 1968 and 1976, I served in the U.S. Air Force and was deployed during the Vietnam War. My time in the military grew my passion for public service, which led me to run for local office. I have spent my legislative career strengthening the relationship between North Country and Mohawk Valley residents, and policymaking and advocating for fiscal responsibility.

I am a long-time resident of Black River and spend half of the year at my office in Albany during session to represent the area. During the off session, I'm in the district office attending events throughout the district and hearing from you.

Feel free to follow my Facebook page for more legislative and local updates.

Your Assemblyman,

Ken Blankenbush

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Legislative Process

New York state has three branches of government: legislative, executive, and judicial. The legislative branch consists of the Assembly and Senate members who are responsible for creating laws. Ideas for bills can come from various sources, including government agencies, statewide officials, and you.

IDEA

Policy ideas are submitted to the Bill Drafting Commission where they are translated into formal language.

DRAFTING

The bill is assigned a unique number and referred to appropriate committees for review.

COMMITTEE PROCESS

Members of standing committees examine the bill to decide if it's financially feasible and compliant with current laws. Public hearings are often held to gather more information on the bill before it's sent to the floor for votes.

VOTING

Both the Senate and Assembly need a simple majority vote to pass the bill. Debates are held and changes may be made to the legislation. Once identical bills pass in both houses, the bill is delivered to the governor.

GOVERNOR SIGNATURE

The bill, once signed by the governor, becomes law. If the governor vetoes a bill, it can still become a law when a 2/3 majority in both houses vote in favor of the bill. This is known as an "override."



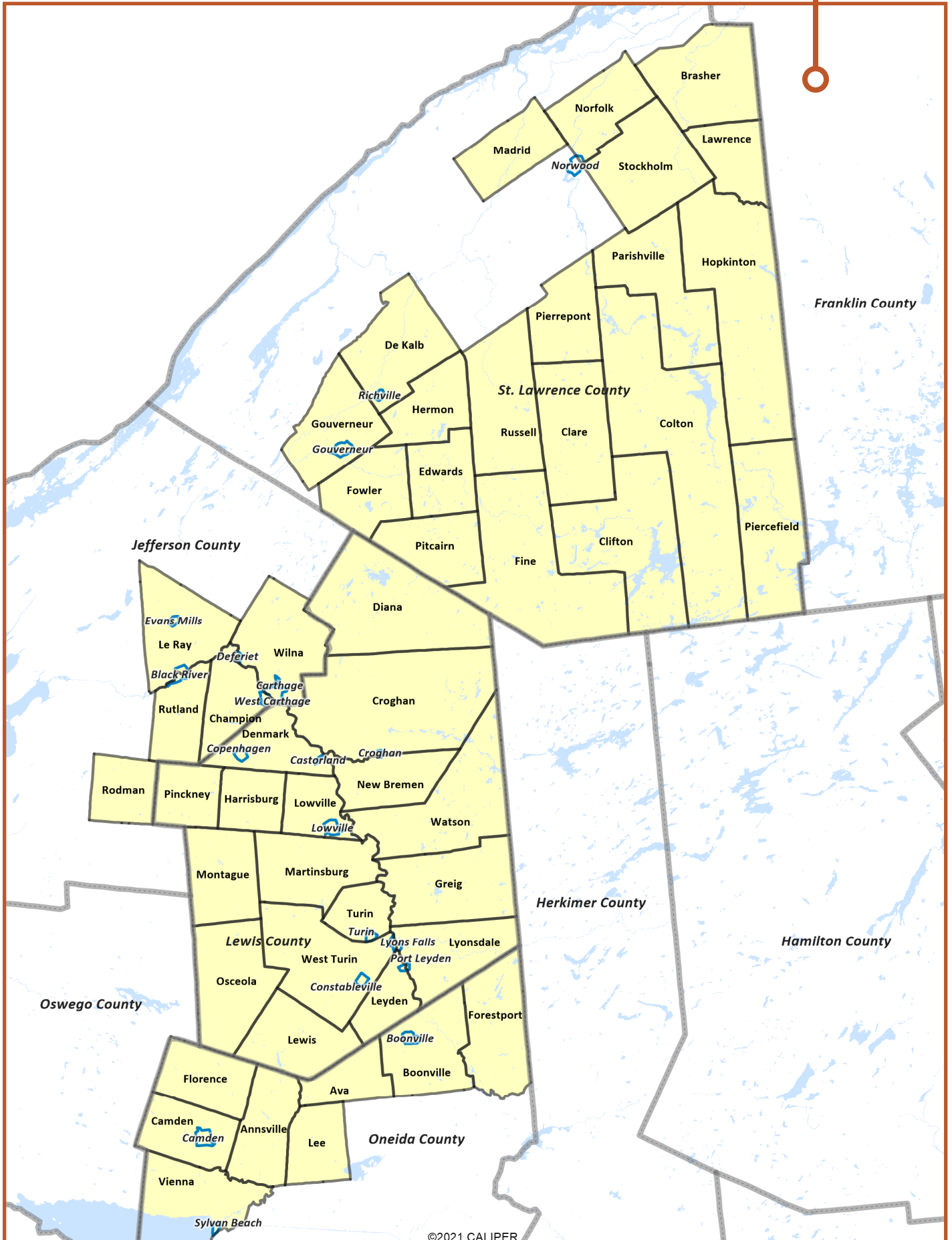
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Assembly District 117

North Country & Mohawk Valley

My district is one of the largest in the Assembly, stretching from the Adirondack Mountains to the Tug Hill Plateau, and the Mohawk Valley. If you live in the highlighted areas, I am your representative in the Assembly.



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A special message from your elected representative.
Information on the legislative process and participation can be found inside.

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