

North Country Special Election

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Governor Kathy Hochul has called a special election for November 4, 2025, Election Day, to fill the vacant 115th Assembly District seat (Clinton, Franklin, and Essex counties). The seat opened after former Assemblyman Billy Jones resigned to take a position at Clinton County Community College. Hochul aligned the vote with Election Day to save localities money and maximize turnout.

The Candidates

- Michael Cashman (Democrat): Plattsburgh Town Supervisor, endorsed by Jones. He is focusing on protecting rural health care, securing resources for the North Country by keeping the seat in the majority, and promoting collaboration during divisive times.
- Brent Davison (Republican): Retired State Police major, former troop commander, and US Army veteran. He is running on lowering costs, strengthening public safety, and advocating for a common-sense approach to clean energy.

Political Dynamics

- Republicans are aiming to reclaim the seat after a decade.
- The district leans slightly Democratic but is highly competitive, with many independents.
- Both candidates stress listening to constituents and bringing North Country voices to Albany.

With just seven weeks until Election Day, the candidates will be making their case to voters across the district. The outcome will determine not only who represents the North Country in Albany, but also which party gains a critical edge in shaping state policy.