

# Steindler to Get Job As Babylon Counsel

Babylon—Supervisor-elect Joseph A. Stabile named Babylon's first town attorney last night, appointing a high-ranking fellow-Democrat to the post.

Stabile named Walter G. Steindler to the \$16,000-a-year post, and said that creation of the office of town attorney would save Babylon almost \$50,000 a year in legal expenses and improve efficiency. Stabile had delayed naming anyone to the new post until he completed a comparison of such expenses in Suffolk towns with town attorneys and those towns without full-time attorneys.

Stabile said that, in 1966, Babylon paid \$156,816 in legal expenses to 23 lawyers and law firms hired for specific cases. He termed these special attorneys "political pals of (lame-duck Republican Supervisor) Gilbert C. Hanse and Republican Town leader Fred Fellman." Stabile said he would not permit members of the town attorney's office, or their private practice partners, to represent a client before any town agency, as some special town attorneys had done.

The supervisor-elect said he hoped to be able to cut Babylon legal expenses 30 per cent—almost \$50,000—and gain "continuity of services and efficiency of operation" by creating the attorney's office. Some town files are now kept in the offices of some of the former special attorneys, creating confusion in researching, Stabile said.

Steindler, 40, an unsuccessful contender for the

Democratic town chairmanship in 1966 against Mortimer Barr, was a delegate to the State Judicial Convention from the Fifth Assembly District that same year. Steindler has been unsuccessful in candidacies for three elective offices: justice of the peace in 1963, Family Court judge in 1964 and the Fifth District Assembly seat in 1965.

Contacted last night, Steindler said he would name three assistants within a few days, but he would not disclose their salaries.



Steindler