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EVEN-YEAR ELECTIONS – TRANSITION GUIDANCE

On December 22, 2023, Governor Hochul signed Chapter 741 of the Laws of 2023, which moves elections for a number of local offices outside of New York City to even-numbered years. The legislation goes into effect on January 1, 2025.

The law primarily impacts town offices (including Town Supervisor, Town Board Member, Town Clerk, and Highway Superintendent), as well as certain county offices (including County Executive, County Comptroller, and County Legislator). However, it does NOT affect any of the aforementioned offices should they have a three-year term.

All currently serving elected officials will fulfill the entirety of their term. Should an office be impacted by this legislation, that election will fall into one of the three categories below. The process to be followed is laid out below:

- 1) Two-Year Term (to be elected in 2025):
 - Election in 2025 for a one-year term
 - Election in 2026 and thereafter for regular two-year term
- 2) Four-Year Term (to be elected in 2025):
 - Election in 2025 for a three-year term
 - Election in 2028 and thereafter for regular four-year term
- 3) Four-Year Term (to be elected in 2027):
 - Election in 2027 for three-year term
 - Election in 2030 and thereafter for regular four-year term

THIS LEGISLATION DOES NOT APPLY TO THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

- Elected offices within the City of New York
 - Any town or county office with a three-year term
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| • City offices | • County Sheriff | • Family Court Judge |
| • Village offices | • County Clerk | • Surrogate's Court Judge |
| • School Boards | • District Attorney | • Town Justice |
| • Fire Districts | • County Court Judge | |