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Even Year Elections

The recently enacted Chapter 741 of the Laws of 2023 moves elections for several local offices to even-numbered years. The legislation goes into effect on January 1, 2025.

The new 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, it will fall into one of three categories:

- An office with a two-year term, to be elected in 2025, will be elected for a one-year term ending in 2026;
- An office with a four-year term, to be elected in 2025, will be elected for a three-year term ending in 2028; or
- An office with a four-year term, to be elected in 2027, will be elected for a three-year term ending in 2030.

It should be noted that this new law does not impact city or village offices, nor does it impact school or fire district elections. It also does not impact the specific offices of County Sheriff, County Clerk, District Attorney, County Court Judge, Family Court Judge, Surrogate's Court Judge, or Town Justice.