

A Local Law amending Chapters 107 and 110 of the Laws of Westchester County to modify the length of terms and the timing of elections for Westchester County Legislator and County Executive.

BE IT ENACTED by the County Board of the County of Westchester as follows:

Section 1. Effective January 1, 2025, Section 107.11 of the Laws of Westchester County is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 107.11. - Members: term, vacancies, vote.

1. The County Board of Legislators shall consist of such number of members elected from each County Board district as shall be set forth in section 107.31 of this act. Pursuant to Chapter 741 of the 2023 Laws of the State of New York, the term of office of members of the County Board elected in the 2025 general election shall be one year, and shall begin on the first day of January 2026 and end on December 31, 2026. ~~shall be two years and shall begin on the first day of January next following their election.~~ Members of the County Board shall be known as county legislators and shall be county officers.

Section 2. Effective January 1, 2026, Section 107.11 of the Laws of Westchester County is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 107.11. - Members: term, vacancies, vote.

1. The County Board of Legislators shall consist of such number of members elected from each County Board district as shall be set forth in section 107.31 of this act. The term of office of members of the County Board elected in the 2026 general election, and for all general elections thereafter, shall be two years, and shall begin on the first day of January next following their election ~~elected in the 2025 general election shall be three years, and shall begin on the first day of January 2026 and ending on December 31, 2028.~~ Members of the County Board shall be known as county legislators and shall be county officers.

Section 3. Effective January 1, 2026, Subsection 5 of Section 107.31 of the Laws of Westchester County is hereby amended as follows:

5. County legislators shall be elected at the general election held in each even ~~odd~~ numbered year.

Section 4. Effective January 1, 2025, Section 110.01 of the Laws of Westchester County is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 110.01. - Election; term; qualifications; compensation.

There shall be a County Executive who shall be elected from the county at large at the general election held the year following the presidential election. The candidate shall be nominated at the primary election in the same manner as other county officers are nominated. Pursuant to Chapter 741 of the 2023 Laws of the State of New York, The County Executive elected during the 2025 general election shall hold office for a term of ~~four~~ three years from January 1 succeeding their election. The County Executive shall at all times be a qualified elector of the county, and shall have been a resident of the county for at least five years prior to their election. The County Executive shall devote their whole time to the duties of the County Executive office and shall hold no other public office. The County Executive shall receive compensation to be fixed by an act of the County Board. No person shall serve as County Executive who has served two four-year terms. No service for a partial term as County Executive shall be included in calculating the two four-year terms.

Section 5. Effective January 1, 2028, Section 110.01 of the Laws of Westchester County is hereby amended as follows:

There shall be a County Executive who shall be elected from the county at large at the general election held the year ~~following of~~ the presidential election. The candidate shall be nominated at the primary election in the same manner as other county officers are nominated. ~~Pursuant to Chapter 741 of the 2023 Laws of the State of New York, The County Executive elected during the 2025 general election~~ shall hold office for a term of ~~three~~ four years from January 1 succeeding their election. The County Executive shall at all times be a qualified elector of the county, and shall have been a resident of the county for at least five years prior to their election. The County Executive shall devote their whole time to the duties of the County Executive office and shall hold no other public office. The County Executive shall receive compensation to be fixed by an act of the County Board. No person shall serve as County Executive who has served two four-year terms. No service for a partial term as County Executive shall be included in calculating the two four-year terms nor shall the three-year term commencing on January 1, 2025.

Section 6. This Local Law shall take effect on January 1, 2025, except that each section with an effective date shall take effect on the date specified therein.