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## NOTICE OF ADOPTION

Per Section 214 of the County Law, you are hereby notified that on July 25, 2019, the Oswego County Legislature adopted the following:

**COUNTY OF OSWEGO LOCAL LAW NUMBER 2 OF 2019**  
**“A LOCAL LAW INCREASING THE TERM OF OFFICE FOR COUNTY**  
**LEGISLATORS FROM A TWO-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE TO A FOUR-YEAR TERM**  
**OF OFFICE”**

This Local Law shall be subject to mandatory referendum at the 2019 General Election and, if approved, shall take effect immediately.

Copies of Local Law #2 of 2019 are posted in the Oswego County Courthouse on East Oneida Street in Oswego, at the County Clerk's Office at 46 E. Bridge Street in Oswego and available online at [oswegocounty.com](http://oswegocounty.com). Requests can also be e-mailed to [chris.jones@oswegocounty.com](mailto:chris.jones@oswegocounty.com)

By Order of the Oswego County Legislature  
July 25, 2019  
Christopher A. Jones, Clerk

**RESOLUTION NO. 153**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING COUNTY OF OSWEGO LOCAL LAW NUMBER 2 OF 2019, ENTITLED "A LOCAL LAW INCREASING THE TERM OF OFFICE FOR COUNTY LEGISLATORS FROM A TWO-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE TO A FOUR-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE"**

By Legislator David Holst:

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and all interested parties having had an opportunity to be heard,

NOW, upon the recommendation of this body, be it

RESOLVED, that Local Law Number 2 of the year 2019 entitled "A LOCAL LAW INCREASING THE TERM OF OFFICE FOR COUNTY LEGISLATORS FROM A TWO-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE TO A FOUR-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE" be and is hereby adopted expressly subject to a mandatory referendum to be held at the 2019 General Election for approval by the qualified electors of the County of Oswego; and be it further

RESOLVED, this local law and a four (4) year term of office for all county legislators shall not take effect unless and until the ballot proposition contained therein is first approved as part of the ballot at the 2019 General Election; and be it further

RESOLVED, that if this local law is approved by the affirmative vote of the majority of qualified electors of the County of Oswego voting thereon at the 2019 General Election, this Local Law shall become and be effective immediately and, in that instance, the Clerk of the County Legislature shall forthwith file same with the NYS Secretary of State.

**ADOPTED BY A VOICE VOTE ON JULY 25, 2019:**

**YES: 18    NO: 5    ABSENT: 2    ABSTAIN: 0**

**LOCAL LAW NUMBER 2 OF 2019  
A LOCAL LAW INCREASING THE TERM OF OFFICE  
FOR COUNTY LEGISLATORS FROM A TWO-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE  
TO A FOUR-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF OSWEGO AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Legislative Intent:** It is the intent of the Legislature of the County of Oswego to increase efficiency and professionalism of county government. This body finds that amending the term of office of county legislators from a 2-year term to a 4-year term of office will allow the term of office of county legislators to be commensurate with other county elected officials and will reduce county costs incurred by conducting biennial elections and primaries for all legislative districts. Further, with recent amendments to Election Law, a two year term results in a prolonged election season every other year running from February to November.

**Section 2. Statutory Authority:** This local law is adopted pursuant to Section 10(1)[ii](a)[1] and Section 23(2)[e] of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

**Section 3. Term of Office for County Legislators:** Commencing at the General Election in November of 2019, all 25 county legislators shall be elected to a four (4) year term of office. County legislators elected at the 2019 General Election and assuming office on January 1, 2020 shall have a four (4) year term of office starting January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 and for those elected to subsequent four (4) year terms of office thereafter.

**Section 4. Effective Date:** This local law is adopted subject to a mandatory referendum and shall be submitted for the approval of the qualified electors of the County of Oswego at the General Election to be held November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019. This local law and a four (4) year term of office for all county legislators shall not take effect unless a ballot proposition in the following form is first approved as part of the ballot at the 2019 General Election:

Shall Oswego County Local Law Number 2 of the year 2019, entitled a "A Local Law Increasing the Term of Office for County Legislators from a Two (2) Year Term of Office to a Four (4) Year Term of Office" be approved?"

If this local law is approved by the affirmative vote of the majority of qualified electors of the County of Oswego voting thereon at the 2019 General Election, this Local Law shall become and be effective immediately.

**Section 5. SEQRA Determination:** This Legislature, being the lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), N.Y. Environmental Conservation Law Article 8, hereby finds and determines that this resolution constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(26) of Title 6 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations in that the action constitutes routine or continuing agency administration and management,

not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment. The Oswego County Office of Tourism, Planning & Community Development is hereby directed to circulate any appropriate SEQRA notices of determination of non-applicability or non-significance in accordance with this local law.

**Section 6: Severability.** The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph or provision of this Local Law shall not invalidate any other clause, sentence, paragraph or part thereof.

**Section 7: Effective date.** This Local Law shall be subject to mandatory referendum at the 2019 General Election and, if approved, shall take effect immediately.

**Section 8: Filing.** Should this law be approved by the affirmative vote of the majority of qualified electors of the County of Oswego voting thereon at the 2019 General Election, the Clerk of the Legislature shall forthwith file this local law with the Secretary of State.

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