

**A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE SULLIVAN COUNTY CHARTER REGARDING
TERMS OF OFFICE FOR THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE**

- Title: This Local Law shall be referred to as “Local Law Creating Staggered Terms for the Sullivan County Legislature”.
- Explanation: This Local Law shall set forth amendments to §C2.01 (A) of the Sullivan County Charter in order to create staggered terms of office for the County Legislature.
- Legislative Intent: The Sullivan County Legislature, after consideration, declares that it is proper and in the best interest of the County of Sullivan to amend §C2.01 (A) of the Sullivan County Charter to stagger the terms of office of the Legislature. Currently all nine Legislators run for office at the same time and take office on the same date. Staggering the terms of office of the Legislature will provide greater continuity and improved governance for the County of Sullivan.
- Amendments: The Sullivan County Charter is hereby amended by deleting the following language contained in §C2.01 (A) of the Sullivan County Charter ”elected for a term of four years and” and inserting the following language as the last lines of §C2.01 (A); “At the general election to be conducted in November of 2027, five of the Legislators shall be elected for a term of five years and four of the Legislators shall be elected to a term of three years. At the general election conducted at the end of the five-year term and the three-year term, and every general election subsequent thereto, the Legislators shall be elected for a term of four years. The determination as to which Legislative Districts shall be on the November 2027 ballot for a five-year term or for a three-year term shall be made by the drawing of lots or other random form of selection to be conducted by the Legislature.”.
- Effective: This Local Law shall become effective as of the date of filing with the Secretary of State. This Local Law shall not become effective and shall not be filed with the Secretary of State unless it is approved by a majority vote of the electorate at the General Election to be conducted on November 5, 2024.