

LOCAL LAW NO. ____ - 2026

AMENDING THE ONONDAGA COUNTY CHARTER TO ESTABLISH TERM LIMITS FOR THE
OFFICE OF THE ONONDAGA COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND THE OFFICE OF THE ONONDAGA
COUNTY COMPTROLLER

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF ONONDAGA,
AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Purpose.

To amend the Onondaga County Charter and Administrative Code to limit the number of consecutive terms that a person can serve as County Executive, and to limit the number of consecutive terms that a person can serve as County Comptroller, to three (3) consecutive four-year terms each.

Section 2. Onondaga County Charter Amendments.

- (a) The Onondaga County Charter, being Local Law No. 1 of 1961, as amended, hereby is amended to add the following final paragraph to Section 301:

Section 301. THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE; ELECTION; TERM; QUALIFICATIONS.

Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in this Charter or the Administrative Code, no person shall serve as County Executive for more than three (3) consecutive four-year terms. Years served prior to January 1, 2031, shall not be counted in calculating the number of consecutive terms a County Executive has served. Service for a partial term as County Executive shall not be counted in calculating the three (3) consecutive four-year terms.

Matters in italics are new, to be added.

- (b) The Onondaga County Charter, being Local Law No. 1 of 1961, as amended, hereby is amended to add the following final paragraph to Section 501:

Section 501. DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT AND CONTROL; COMPTROLLER; ELECTION; AUDITOR'S ACT REPEALED.

Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in this Charter or the Administrative Code, no person shall serve as County Comptroller for more than three (3) consecutive four-year terms. Years served prior to January 1, 2031, shall not be counted in calculating the number of consecutive terms a County Comptroller has served. Service for a partial term as County Comptroller shall not be counted in calculating the three (3) consecutive four-year terms.

Matters in italics are new, to be added.

Section 3. Onondaga County Administrative Code Amendment.

The Onondaga County Administrative Code, being Local Law No. 1 of 1975, as amended, is hereby amended to add the following sentence to the end of the first paragraph of Section 5.01:

Section 5.01. DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT AND CONTROL; COMPTROLLER; ELECTION; TERM; QUALIFICATIONS.

The Comptroller shall serve subject to the conditions and for the term prescribed in Section 501 of the Charter.

Matters in italics are new, to be added.

Section 4. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this Local Law shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which the judgment shall have been rendered..

Section 5. Effective Date.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State, pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

The term limits set forth herein are not effective until the terms commencing January 1, 2031.