

November 5th 2019 Referendum Proposes Changes to Hamilton Town Supervisor Term

Election Day is November 5 and Town of Hamilton residents will be asked to vote for two Town Council members and a Supervisor. In addition to the candidates there will be a referendum on the ballot.

The proposed law would change the term for Town Supervisor from two years to four years. Why make the switch? A two-year term is too short to allow for a Supervisor to truly understand the job and become effective at dealing with all aspects of their office. The Supervisor also represents the Town at the County level, which requires time to learn the workings of County government and develop relationships with other supervisors and staff. Unlike Town Council members, who have a four-year term, the Supervisor has to run every two years, which takes time away from getting work done.

The Hamilton Town Council proposes to follow the example of towns such as Cazenovia and Madison in bringing the Supervisor's term in line with those of Councilmembers. If passed, the law and the change in term length would not be implemented for whoever was elected in 2019. The change to a 4-year term would not take effect until 2022, when the next Town Supervisor would run for office.

The Hamilton Town Council requests that on November 5th you vote yes on the Supervisor term referendum.

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