

**TOWN OF FRANKLIN
COUNTY OF DELAWARE
LOCAL LAW NO. __ OF THE YEAR 2026**

**A LOCAL LAW INCREASING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK OF
THE TOWN OF FRANKLIN FROM TWO (2) YEARS TO FOUR (4) YEARS**

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Franklin, County of Delaware, as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this Local Law to change the term of office of the Town Clerk from two (2) years to four (4) years.

Section 2. Authority

This Local Law is adopted pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law §10 of the State of New York which authorizes a local government to regulate the powers, duties and number of its officers, including but not limited to extension of terms of office of elected officials.

Section 3. Town Clerk Term Increase

The term of office for the position of the elected Town Clerk of the Town of Franklin, County of Delaware, shall be four (4) years. Such four-year term shall commence as of the first day of January, 2027 and shall apply to the person elected to such office at the biennial town election to be held on November 3, 2026 and to those elected thereafter, provided a proposition submitted pursuant to Section 4 below is approved in said election.

Section 4. Mandatory Referendum

This Local Law is adopted subject to a mandatory referendum and shall be submitted for approval of the qualified voters of the Town of Franklin at the biennial town election to be held on November 3, 2026. A proposition in the following form in Section 5 below shall be included on the ballot at such biennial town election, and the increased term of office shall not take effect unless such proposition is approved by a majority vote of the qualified voters voting thereon.

Section 5. Ballot Proposition

“Shall the Town of Franklin in the County of Delaware increase the term of office of the Town Clerk from two (2) years to four (4) years, with the extension taking effect with the term of office beginning January 1, 2027?”

Section 6. Supersession

This Local Law shall supersede Town Law §24 relating to the term of officer for the Town Clerk of the Town of Franklin.

Section 7. Effective Date

This Local Law shall become effective immediately upon being filed in the Office of the Secretary of State after approval by the qualified voters.