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SENATE - ASSEMBLY

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IN SENATE -- Introduced by Sen. PALUMBO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Local Government

IN ASSEMBLY -- Introduced by M. of A. THIELE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Local Governments

AN ACT to amend chapter 1001 of the laws of 1966, confirming the authority and proprietary rights of the Trustees of the Freeholders and Commonalty of the Town of East Hampton, in relation to increasing the term of office from two years to four years and providing for the staggering of such terms of office

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section 2 of chapter 1001 of the laws of 1966, confirming the authority and proprietary rights of the Trustees of the Freeholders and Commonalty of the Town of East Hampton, as amended by chapter 378 of the laws of 1975, is amended to read as follows:

§ 2. The electors of the town of East Hampton are hereby authorized and empowered to elect by ballot from their number at the biennial town election to be held in said town in [~~nineteen hundred seventy-five~~] **two thousand twenty-three** and biennially thereafter, in the same manner as other town officers are elected, nine freeholders as trustees, who shall continue to be known as the Trustees of the Freeholders and Commonalty of the Town of East Hampton. They shall hold office for a term of [~~two~~] **four** years**, provided that at the biennial election to be held in said town in two thousand twenty-three, five trustees shall hold office for a term of four years and four trustees shall hold office for a term of two years. At the biennial election to be held in said town in two thousand twenty-three, the five candidates receiving the largest number of votes shall be entitled to hold office for a term of four years. The remaining four successful candidates shall hold office for a term of two years.**

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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Thereafter, at all subsequent biennial town elections, all trustees shall hold office for a term of four years. They shall within ten days after their election and qualification, meet and choose from their number, by majority vote, a chairman and a clerk of said board. Said trustees, or a majority of them, are hereby authorized and empowered to manage, lease, convey or otherwise dispose of all or any part of all such common lands, waters, and lands under water, or rights or other interests therein, subject, as to lands under water, to the public right of navigation and to the riparian rights of adjoining upland owners, as the trustees have acquired and now hold by virtue of any colonial patent or charter; and for this purpose said board may execute all such conveyances, leases, permits, agreements or other writings, necessary or proper in carrying into effect the provisions of this act; subject, however, to and in accordance with such rules and regulations, if any, concerning the management and disposition of said property and rights, as the electors of said town may adopt or impose at a biennial town election; and the electors of said town are hereby empowered to adopt from time to time such rules and regulations as a proposition at any biennial town election.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.