

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

## IN ASSEMBLY

February 12, 2025

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

AN ACT to amend the county law, in relation to abolishing the office of coroner

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

- 1 Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 400 of the county law, as amended  
2 by chapter 654 of the laws of 1952, is amended to read as follows:  
3 2. Coroners. (a) Each county, excluding Lewis county and Madison county,  
4 shall abolish the office of coroner.  
5 (b) At least one hundred fifty days prior to any general election and  
6 subject to a permissive referendum, the board of supervisors shall have  
7 power by local law to abolish the office of coroner and create the  
8 office of medical examiner.  
9 (c) The terms of office of all coroners elected or appointed and hold-  
10 ing office in the county at the time [~~such local law becomes effective~~]  
11 such office is abolished shall expire upon the appointment and quali-  
12 fication of the medical examiner and at the general election to be held  
13 in such year and thereafter no coroners shall be elected in the county.  
14 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-  
15 ing the date on which it shall have become a law.

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

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