

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. SCARCELLA-SPANTON -- read twice and ordered printed,  
and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to extending term lengths  
for certain commissioners of deeds

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

1 Section 1. Subdivisions 1 and 2 of section 139 of the executive law,  
2 as amended by chapter 550 of the laws of 1958, are amended to read as  
3 follows:

4 1. Commissioners of deeds in the cities of this state shall be  
5 appointed by the common councils of such cities respectively, and shall  
6 hold office for the term of [~~two~~] four years from the date of their  
7 appointment, and until others are appointed in their places. A vacancy  
8 occurring during the term for which any commissioner shall be appointed,  
9 shall be filled by the common council. The common council of the several  
10 cities of this state, except in cities of this state situate in a county  
11 which has a population of not less than one hundred [~~and~~] eighty thou-  
12 sand, and not more than six hundred [~~and~~] fifty thousand, according to  
13 the last state or federal enumeration, shall at the end of every other  
14 even numbered year, by resolution of the board, determine the number of  
15 commissioners of deeds to be appointed for such cities respectively.

16 2. The term of office of each commissioner of deeds appointed by the  
17 common council in cities of this state situate in a county which has a  
18 population of not less than one hundred [~~and~~] eighty thousand, and not  
19 more than six hundred [~~and~~] fifty thousand, according to the last state  
20 or federal enumeration, shall expire on the thirty-first of December of  
21 the second even numbered year next after [~~he~~] such commissioner shall be  
22 appointed. The common council of any such city shall in the month of  
23 November in every other even numbered year, by resolution, determine the  
24 number of commissioners of deeds to be appointed in such cities, respec-  
25 tively, for the next succeeding [~~two~~] four years.

26 § 2. Subdivision 1 of section 140 of the executive law, as amended by  
27 chapter 376 of the laws of 1953, is amended to read as follows:

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

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1 1. The council of the city of New York is hereby authorized and is  
2 empowered to appoint commissioners of deeds in such city from time to  
3 time, who shall hold their offices for [~~two~~ four] years from the date of  
4 their appointment.  
5 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.