STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

February 18, 2026

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:

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

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

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

§ 2. Subdivision 1 of section 140 of the executive law, as amended by 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. The council of the city of New York is hereby authorized and is empowered to appoint commissioners of deeds in such city from time to time, who shall hold their offices for [~~two~~] **four** years from the date of their appointment.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.