



**THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE
OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE BUDGET REVIEW
MAURICE CHALMERS, DIRECTOR
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

TITLE: A Local Law to amend the County Government Law of Nassau County in relation to the establishment of an independently elected Assessor.

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION:

The proposed local law requires that a referendum be held on November 5, 2019 where the County residents will determine whether or not the County Assessor becomes an independently elected Assessor for a term of four years. If the referendum is approved by the public, the Assessor shall be at all times a qualified elector of the County and shall give his whole time to the duties of the office and shall receive therefore a compensation to be fixed by ordinance. The proposed local law aligns the election of the County Assessor with the general election held in November 2021, and every fourth year thereafter. Moreover, the County Assessor shall attain certification as a New York State certified Assessor within three years of beginning his or her term of office. If the County Assessor is elected to a second term without this certification, he or she shall attain such certification within 12 months of the beginning of the new term.

Additionally, the proposed local law mandates qualification standards for Chief Deputy Assessors.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon certification by the Nassau County Board of Elections of an affirmative vote by referendum approving the instant local law in relation to the establishment of an independent elected Assessor at a general election to be held on November 5, 2019.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The proposed law is not expected to have any fiscal impact as the current budget appropriation for the Assessment Department can be utilized under both an independently elected Assessor as well as a County Executive appointed Assessor.

ECONOMIC IMPACT:

The proposed law is not expected to have any significant economic impact on the local economy.

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SOURCES:

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