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# HOUSE BILL No. 1055

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**Synopsis:** Option to conduct municipal election in even years.

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## HOUSE BILL No. 1055

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning elections.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 3-10-6-2.5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
2 1, 2026]. *Sec. 2-5:* (a) This section does not apply to a town located  
3 wholly or partially within a county having a consolidated city unless  
4 the town has a population of more than one thousand (1,000) and less  
5 than one thousand four hundred (1,400).  
6 (b) This section applies to a town that has not adopted an  
7 ordinance:  
8 (1) under IC 18-3-1-16(b) (before its repeal on September 1,  
9 1981); or  
10 (2) in 1982 under P.L.13-1982; SECTION 3 (before its  
11 expiration on January 1, 1988).  
12 (c) Notwithstanding section 6 of this chapter, a town may adopt an  
13 ordinance during the year preceding a municipal election conducted  
14 under section 2 of this chapter prescribing the length of the term of  
15 office for town legislative body members elected in the municipal  
16 election.  
17 (d) The ordinance must provide that:

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1 (1) no more than fifty percent (50%) of the members will be  
 2 elected for terms of three (3) years beginning at noon January 1  
 3 following the municipal election under section 2 of this chapter;  
 4 and  
 5 (2) the remainder of the members will be elected for terms of  
 6 four (4) years beginning at noon January 1 following the  
 7 election.

8 (e) An ordinance described in this section or an ordinance  
 9 repealing an ordinance described in this section is effective upon filing  
 10 the ordinance with the circuit court clerk of the county in which the  
 11 largest percentage of the town is located.

12 SECTION 2. IC 3-10-6-2.6 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 13 1, 2026]. Sec. 2-6. (a) This section does not apply to a town located  
 14 wholly or partially within a county having a consolidated city.

15 (b) This section applies to a town that has adopted an ordinance:  
 16 (1) under IC 18-3-1-16(b) (before its repeal on September 1,  
 17 1981); or  
 18 (2) in 1982 under P.L.13-1982, SECTION 3 (before its  
 19 expiration on January 1, 1988).

20 (c) A town may adopt an ordinance during a year in which an  
 21 election of town legislative body members, a town clerk-treasurer, or  
 22 a town judge will not occur under section 3 of this chapter.

23 (d) The ordinance described in subsection (c) must provide that:  
 24 (1) the town legislative body members, clerk-treasurer, or judge  
 25 elected at the next municipal election not conducted in a general  
 26 election year serve terms of one (1) year; and  
 27 (2) the successors of the town legislative body members,  
 28 clerk-treasurer, or judge described in subdivision (1) shall be  
 29 chosen at the first general election following the municipal  
 30 election and serve terms of four (4) years.

31 SECTION 3. IC 3-10-6-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.141-2023,  
 32 SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 33 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) Notwithstanding section 2 of this chapter,  
 34 in a town that adopted an ordinance under IC 18-3-1-16(b) (before its  
 35 repeal on September 1, 1981), P.L.13-1982, SECTION 3 (before its  
 36 expiration on January 1, 1988), or section 2.5 of this chapter (**before  
 37 its repeal**) each political party shall, at the primary election in:

38 (1) May 2026, 2030, 2034, 2038, 2042, and every four (4) years  
 39 thereafter; and  
 40 (2) May 2023, 2027, 2031, 2035, 2039, 2043, and every four (4)  
 41 years thereafter;

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1 nominate candidates for the election to be held under section 6(a) of  
 2 this chapter, unless a primary election is not required under section 4  
 3 of this chapter. The primary election shall be conducted under this  
 4 chapter.

5 (b) Notwithstanding section 2 of this chapter, in a town that  
 6 adopted an ordinance under section 2.6 of this chapter **(before its**  
 7 **repeal)** each political party shall, at the primary election in:

8 (1) May 2024, 2028, 2032, 2036, 2040, 2044, and every four (4)  
 9 years thereafter; and

10 (2) May 2026, 2030, 2034, 2038, 2042, and every four (4) years  
 11 thereafter;

12 nominate candidates for the election to be held under section 6(b) of  
 13 this chapter, unless a primary election is not required under section 4  
 14 of this chapter. The primary election shall be conducted under this  
 15 chapter.

16 (c) Notwithstanding section 2 of this chapter, in a town that  
 17 adopted an ordinance under section 2.6 of this chapter **(before its**  
 18 **repeal)** each political party shall, at the primary election in May 2024,  
 19 2028, 2032, 2036, 2040, 2044, and every four (4) years thereafter,  
 20 nominate candidates for the election to be held under section 6(c) of  
 21 this chapter, unless a primary election is not required under section 4  
 22 of this chapter. The primary election shall be held under this chapter.

23 SECTION 4. IC 3-10-6-4.5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 24 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4.5. (a)  
 25 Notwithstanding section 2 of this chapter, this section applies to a town  
 26 with a legislative body that adopts an ordinance under IC 36-5-2-4.5  
 27 **before July 1, 2026.**

28 (b) Unless a primary election is not required under section 4 of this  
 29 chapter, a primary election shall be held in a town under this section at  
 30 both of the following times:

31 (1) During a year that municipal elections are held under section  
 32 5 of this chapter.

33 (2) At the time of the primary election held in the year stated in  
 34 an ordinance adopted under IC 36-5-2-4.5(c)(2).

35 (c) At a primary election held under subsection (b), a political  
 36 party with a nominee who receives at least ten percent (10%) of the  
 37 votes cast in the state for secretary of state at the most recent election  
 38 for secretary of state shall nominate candidates for the following town  
 39 offices:

40 (1) At the time of the primary held in the town under subsection

41 (b)(1), the following candidates:

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1 (A) Four (4) candidates for the town legislative body, three  
2 (3) of whom are elected from districts and one (1) who is  
3 elected at large. If the town legislative body adopts an  
4 ordinance under IC 36-5-2-4.5(e), all candidates are elected  
5 from districts.

6 (B) Candidates for all other town offices other than the town  
7 legislative body.

8 (2) At the time of the primary election held under subsection  
9 (b)(2), three (3) candidates for the town legislative body, two (2)  
10 of whom are elected from districts and one (1) who is elected at  
11 large. If the town legislative body adopts an ordinance under  
12 IC 36-5-2-4.5(e), all candidates are elected from districts.

13 The primary election is conducted under this chapter.

14 (d) Notwithstanding section 5 of this chapter, an election to fill  
15 town offices under this section is held as follows:

16 (1) During a year municipal elections are held under section 5 of  
17 this chapter, the following town offices are elected:

18 (A) Four (4) members of the town legislative body, three (3)  
19 of whom are elected from districts and one (1) who is  
20 elected at large. If the town legislative body adopts an  
21 ordinance under IC 36-5-2-4.5(e), all members are elected  
22 from districts.

23 (B) All other town offices other than the town legislative  
24 body.

25 (2) During a year in which candidates for the town legislative  
26 body are nominated under subsection (c)(2), three (3) members  
27 of the town legislative body, two (2) of whom are elected from  
28 districts and one (1) who is elected at large. If the town  
29 legislative body adopts an ordinance under IC 36-5-2-4.5(e), all  
30 members are elected from districts.

31 The election shall be conducted under this chapter.

32 SECTION 5. IC 3-10-6-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.141-2023,  
33 SECTION 16, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
34 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. (a) Notwithstanding section 5 of this chapter,  
35 a town that adopted an ordinance under IC 18-3-1-16(b) (before its  
36 repeal on September 1, 1981), P.L.13-1982, SECTION 3 (before its  
37 expiration on January 1, 1988), or section 2.5 of this chapter (**before  
38 its repeal**) shall:

39 (1) at the general election in November 2022, 2026, 2030, 2034,  
40 2038, 2042, and every four (4) years thereafter; and

41 (2) at the municipal election in November 2023, 2027, 2031,

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1           2035, 2039, 2043, and every four (4) years thereafter;  
 2           elect town council members for terms of four (4) years to those offices  
 3           whose terms expire at noon January 1 following the election, as  
 4           provided in IC 36-5-2-3. The election shall be conducted under this  
 5           chapter.

6           (b) Notwithstanding section 5 of this chapter, a town that adopted  
 7           an ordinance under section 2.6 of this chapter **(before its repeal)** shall:

8                 (1) at the general election in November 2024, 2028, 2032, 2036,  
 9                 2040, 2044, and every four (4) years thereafter; and

10                (2) at the general election in November 2022, 2026, 2030, 2034,  
 11                2038, 2042, and every four (4) years thereafter;

12           elect town council members for terms of four (4) years to those offices  
 13           whose terms expire at noon January 1 of the following year. The  
 14           election shall be conducted under this chapter.

15           (c) Notwithstanding section 5 of this chapter, a town that adopted  
 16           an ordinance under section 2.6 of this chapter **(before its repeal)** shall,  
 17           at the general election in November 2024, 2028, 2032, 2036, 2040,  
 18           2044, and every four (4) years thereafter, elect a town clerk-treasurer  
 19           and town court judge (if a town court has been established under  
 20           IC 33-35-1-1) to those offices whose terms expire at noon January 1 of  
 21           the following year. The election shall be conducted under this chapter.

22           SECTION 6. IC 3-10-6.5-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.107-2020,  
 23           SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 24           JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b); This  
 25           chapter applies **only to the following all** municipalities.

26                (1) A town.

27                (2) A city with a population of less than three thousand five  
 28                hundred (3,500).

29           (b) This chapter does not apply to a municipality located wholly  
 30           or partially in a county having a consolidated city.

31           SECTION 7. IC 3-10-6.5-8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 32           AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
 33           1, 2026]: Sec. 8. (a) **Subject to subsections (b) and (c), the**  
 34           **amendments made by HEA 1055-2026 do not invalidate or impair**  
 35           **an ordinance adopted before July 1, 2026, under IC 3-10-6-2.5,**  
 36           **IC 3-10-6-2.6, IC 3-10-7-2.5, IC 3-10-7-2.7, IC 3-10-7-2.9, or**  
 37           **IC 36-5-2-4.5.**

38           (b) An ordinance described in subsection (a):

39                (1) may not be repealed earlier than twelve (12) years after  
 40                the ordinance was adopted; and

41                (2) may be repealed only in a year preceding a municipal  
 42                election held at the time described in IC 3-10-6-5.

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1           (c) An ordinance under subsection (b) repealing an ordinance  
2 described in subsection (a) takes effect when the ordinance is filed  
3 with the circuit court clerk of the county in which the largest  
4 percentage of the population of the municipality is located.

5           SECTION 8. IC 3-10-7-2.5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
6 1, 2026]. Sec. 2-5: (a) This section does not apply to a town located  
7 wholly or partially within a county having a consolidated city unless  
8 the town has a population of more than one thousand (1,000) and less  
9 than one thousand four hundred (1,400).

10           (b) A town may adopt an ordinance under IC 3-10-6-2.5; if the  
11 town has not adopted an ordinance under IC 18-3-1-16(b) (before its  
12 repeal on September 1, 1981) or P.L.13-1982; SECTION 3 (before its  
13 expiration on January 1, 1988).

14           SECTION 9. IC 3-10-7-2.7 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
15 1, 2026]. Sec. 2-7: (a) This section does not apply to a town located  
16 wholly or partially within a county having a consolidated city.

17           (b) A town may adopt an ordinance during the year preceding a  
18 municipal election conducted under section 2 of this chapter  
19 prescribing the length of the term of office for municipal officers and  
20 changing the time municipal elections are held.

21           (c) The ordinance described in subsection (b) must provide all of  
22 the following:

23           (1) The town legislative body members, clerk-treasurer, or judge  
24 elected at the next municipal election not conducted in a general  
25 election year serve a term of three (3) years.

26           (2) The successors of the town legislative body members,  
27 clerk-treasurer, or judge described in subdivision (1) shall be  
28 chosen at the second general election following the municipal  
29 election and serve a term of four (4) years.

30           (3) The municipal elections for town offices shall be held during  
31 a general election.

32           (d) A town may repeal an ordinance adopted under subsection (b)  
33 subject to both of the following:

34           (1) The ordinance may not be repealed earlier than twelve (12)  
35 years after the ordinance was adopted.

36           (2) The ordinance may be repealed only in a year preceding a  
37 municipal election held at the time described in IC 3-10-6-5.

38           (e) An ordinance described in subsection (b) or an ordinance  
39 repealing an ordinance previously adopted under subsection (b) takes  
40 effect when the ordinance is filed with the circuit court clerk of the  
41 county in which the largest percentage of the population of the town is  
42 located.

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1 SECTION 10. IC 3-10-7-2.9 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
2 1, 2026]. Sec. 2-9: (a) This section does not apply to a town located  
3 wholly or partially within a county having a consolidated city:

4 (b) During the year preceding a municipal election conducted  
5 under section 2 of this chapter, a town may adopt an ordinance  
6 changing the time municipal elections are held for the offices of the  
7 town legislative body members, clerk-treasurer, and judge:

8 (c) The ordinance described in subsection (b) must provide all the  
9 following:

10 (1) The years in which town elections shall be held: A town  
11 election may not be held in a year following a year in which an  
12 election for presidential electors is held:

13 (2) That the elections for town offices shall be held during  
14 general elections or municipal elections, or both:

15 (3) Which town officers are to be elected in each of the years of  
16 the town election cycle: The ordinance must provide that at least  
17 two (2) town officers shall be elected in each year of the town  
18 election cycle: The ordinance may provide for all town officers  
19 to be elected at the same election:

20 (4) The term of office of each town officer elected in the first  
21 election cycle after adoption of the ordinance: A term of office  
22 set under this subdivision may not exceed four (4) years:

23 (5) That the term of office of each town officer elected after the  
24 first election cycle after adoption of the ordinance is four (4)  
25 years:

26 (6) That the term of office of each town officer begins on  
27 January 1 after the election:

28 (d) A town may repeal an ordinance adopted under subsection (b)  
29 subject to both of the following:

30 (1) The ordinance may not be repealed earlier than twelve (12)  
31 years after the ordinance was adopted:

32 (2) The ordinance may be repealed only in a year preceding a  
33 municipal election held at the time described in IC 3-10-6-5:

34 (e) An ordinance described in subsection (b) or an ordinance  
35 repealing an ordinance previously adopted under subsection (b) takes  
36 effect when the ordinance is filed with the circuit court clerk of the  
37 county in which the largest percentage of the population of the town is  
38 located:

39 SECTION 11. IC 3-10-7-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
40 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. If a town has  
41 established staggered terms for its town council, or has adopted an

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1 ordinance under section 2.7 or 2.9 of this chapter (**before their**  
 2 **repeal**), the county election board shall conduct a municipal election  
 3 in that town that coincides with a general election.

4 SECTION 12. IC 33-35-1-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 5 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. (a) This section  
 6 applies to a town that:

7 (1) adopts an ordinance under IC 3-10-6-2.6 (**before its repeal**);

8 and

9 (2) subsequently adopts an ordinance to establish a town court  
 10 under section 1 of this chapter.

11 (b) Notwithstanding section 1 of this chapter, the judge of the town  
 12 court shall be elected at the next municipal election not conducted in  
 13 a general election year. The successors of the judge shall be elected at  
 14 the first general election following the municipal election and every  
 15 four (4) years thereafter.

16 SECTION 13. IC 33-35-1-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.109-2015,  
 17 SECTION 48, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 18 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) The judge of a city or town court shall be  
 19 elected under IC 3-10-6 or IC 3-10-7 by the voters of the city or town.

20 (b) Except as provided in subsections (c), (d), and (e), the term of  
 21 office of a judge elected under this section is four (4) years, beginning  
 22 at noon January 1 after election and continuing until a successor is  
 23 elected and qualified.

24 (c) This subsection applies to a town that adopts an ordinance  
 25 under IC 3-10-6-2.6 (**before its repeal**). The term of office of:

26 (1) a judge elected at the next municipal election not conducted  
 27 in a general election year is one (1) year; and

28 (2) the successors to the judge described in subdivision (1) is  
 29 four (4) years;

30 beginning at noon January 1 after election and continuing until a  
 31 successor is elected and qualified.

32 (d) This subsection applies to a town that adopts an ordinance  
 33 under IC 3-10-7-2.7 (**before its repeal**). The term of office of:

34 (1) a judge elected at the next municipal election not conducted  
 35 in a general election year is three (3) years; and

36 (2) the successors to the judge described in subdivision (1) is  
 37 four (4) years;

38 beginning noon January 1 after election and continuing until a  
 39 successor is elected and qualified.

40 (e) This subsection applies to a town that adopts an ordinance  
 41 under IC 3-10-7-2.9 (**before its repeal**). The term of office of:

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- 1 (1) a judge elected in the first election cycle after adoption of the  
 2 ordinance is the term of office provided by the ordinance, not to  
 3 exceed four (4) years; and  
 4 (2) the successors of the judge described in subdivision (1) is  
 5 four (4) years.
- 6 (f) Before beginning the duties of office, the judge shall, in the  
 7 manner prescribed by IC 5-4-1, execute a bond conditioned upon the  
 8 faithful discharge of the duties of office.
- 9 SECTION 14. IC 36-5-2-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.109-2015,  
 10 SECTION 60, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 11 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), (c),  
 12 (d), (e), (f), or (g), the term of office of a member of the legislative  
 13 body is four (4) years, beginning at noon January 1 after the member's  
 14 election and continuing until the member's successor is elected and  
 15 qualified.
- 16 (b) The term of office of a member of the legislative body  
 17 appointed to fill a vacancy resulting from an increase in the number of  
 18 town legislative body members under section 4.2 of this chapter:
- 19 (1) begins when the ordinance increasing the number of  
 20 legislative body members takes effect, or when the member is  
 21 appointed under IC 3-13-9-4, if the appointment is made after  
 22 the ordinance takes effect; and  
 23 (2) continues until noon January 1 following the next municipal  
 24 election scheduled under IC 3-10-6-5 or IC 3-10-7-6 and until  
 25 the member's successor is elected and qualified.
- 26 (c) The term of office of a member of the legislative body elected  
 27 under IC 36-5-1-10.1 following the incorporation of the town:
- 28 (1) begins at noon November 30 following the election; and  
 29 (2) continues until noon January 1 following the next municipal  
 30 election scheduled under IC 3-10-6-5 or IC 3-10-7-6 and until  
 31 the member's successor is elected and qualified.
- 32 (d) The term of office of a member of the legislative body subject  
 33 to IC 3-10-6-2.5(d)(1) (**before its repeal**) is three (3) years, beginning  
 34 at noon January 1 after the member's election and continuing until the  
 35 member's successor is elected and qualified.
- 36 (e) The term of office of a member of a legislative body subject to  
 37 an ordinance described by IC 3-10-6-2.6 (**before its repeal**) is one (1)  
 38 year, beginning at noon January 1 after the member's election and  
 39 continuing until the member's successor is elected and qualified.
- 40 (f) The term of office of a member of a legislative body subject to  
 41 an ordinance described by IC 3-10-7-2.7 (**before its repeal**) is:

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- 1 (1) three (3) years if the member is elected at the next municipal
- 2 election not conducted in a general election year; and
- 3 (2) four (4) years for the successors of a member of a legislative
- 4 body described in subdivision (1);
- 5 beginning noon January 1 after election and continuing until a
- 6 successor is elected and qualified.

7 (g) The term of office of a member of a legislative body subject to  
 8 an ordinance described by IC 3-10-7-2.9 (**before its repeal**) is:

- 9 (1) the term of office provided by the ordinance, not to exceed
- 10 four (4) years, for a member of the legislative body elected in the
- 11 first election cycle after adoption of the ordinance; and
- 12 (2) four (4) years for the successors of the member of a
- 13 legislative body described in subdivision (1).

14 SECTION 15. IC 36-5-2-4.5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 15 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4.5. (a) This section  
 16 applies to a town if both of the following apply:

- 17 (1) The town has a population of more than ten thousand
- 18 (10,000).
- 19 (2) The town legislative body adopts an ordinance **before July**
- 20 **1, 2026**, adopting the provisions of this section. A town may not
- 21 adopt an ordinance under this section during a year in which
- 22 municipal elections are held under IC 3-10-6-5.

23 (b) A town legislative body has the following members:

- 24 (1) Five (5) members, each elected by the voters of a district.
- 25 The districts are established by ordinance by the town legislative
- 26 body as provided in this chapter.
- 27 (2) Two (2) members elected at large by all the voters of the
- 28 town.

29 (c) An ordinance adopted under this section must provide for the  
 30 following:

- 31 (1) Four (4) members of the legislative body are elected during
- 32 a year that municipal elections are held under IC 3-10-6-5.
- 33 (2) Three (3) members of the legislative body are elected either:
- 34 (A) during the year before the year described in subdivision
- 35 (1); or
- 36 (B) during the year after the year described in subdivision
- 37 (1).

38 The year for elections under this subdivision must be chosen so  
 39 that during the elections held for the town legislative body under  
 40 subdivision (4), a member of the town legislative body does not  
 41 serve a term of more than four (4) years.

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1 (3) The members of the legislative body elected at large may not  
 2 be elected at the same time.  
 3 (4) At the first two (2) elections after the ordinance is adopted,  
 4 members are elected to serve the following terms:  
 5 (A) Two (2) members elected under subdivision (1) are  
 6 elected to a four (4) year term and two (2) members elected  
 7 under subdivision (1) are elected to a three (3) year term.  
 8 (B) Two (2) members elected under subdivision (2) are  
 9 elected to a four (4) year term and one (1) member elected  
 10 under subdivision (2) is elected to a three (3) year term.  
 11 The ordinance must provide a random procedure to determine  
 12 which members serve four (4) year terms and which members  
 13 serve three (3) year terms.  
 14 (5) A member of the town council elected after the elections  
 15 described in subdivision (4) serves a term of four (4) years.  
 16 (6) The term of office of a member begins at noon January 1  
 17 after the member's election.  
 18 (d) An ordinance adopted under this section may provide that  
 19 before the first election after adoption of the ordinance, members of the  
 20 town legislative body added to the legislative body by the ordinance  
 21 may be appointed to the legislative body by a vote of the current  
 22 members of the legislative body.  
 23 (e) After the first two (2) elections held as described in subsection  
 24 (c)(4), the town legislative body may adopt an ordinance to do the  
 25 following:  
 26 (1) Divide the town into seven (7) districts.  
 27 (2) Provide that the members elected at large are each elected  
 28 from a district.  
 29 An ordinance adopted under this subsection must comply with this  
 30 chapter in establishing the districts and provide details to provide a  
 31 transition from electing two (2) members at large to electing all  
 32 members from districts.  
 33 (f) Subject to this section, members of the town legislative body  
 34 are elected as provided in IC 3-10-6-4.5.  
 35 SECTION 16. IC 36-5-6-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.56-2022,  
 36 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 37 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) The clerk-treasurer must reside within the  
 38 town as provided in Article 6, Section 6 of the Constitution of the State  
 39 of Indiana. The clerk-treasurer forfeits office if the clerk-treasurer  
 40 ceases to be a resident of the town. An individual who resides in  
 41 territory that is annexed by the town before the election is considered

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1 a resident of the town for purposes of this subsection, even if the  
2 annexation took effect less than one (1) year before the election.  
3 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c), (d), (e), or (f), the term  
4 of office of the clerk-treasurer is four (4) years, beginning at noon  
5 January 1 after election and continuing until a successor is elected and  
6 qualified.  
7 (c) The term of office of a clerk-treasurer elected under  
8 IC 36-5-1-10.1 following the incorporation of the town:  
9 (1) begins at noon November 30 following the election; and  
10 (2) continues until noon January 1 following the next municipal  
11 election scheduled under IC 3-10-6-5 or IC 3-10-7-6 and until  
12 the clerk-treasurer's successor is elected and qualified.  
13 (d) The term of office of a clerk-treasurer subject to an ordinance  
14 described by IC 3-10-6-2.6 **(before its repeal)** is:  
15 (1) one (1) year if the clerk-treasurer is elected at the next  
16 municipal election not conducted in a general election year; and  
17 (2) four (4) years for the successors of the clerk-treasurer  
18 described in subdivision (1);  
19 beginning at noon January 1 after the clerk-treasurer's election and  
20 continuing until the clerk-treasurer's successor is elected and qualified.  
21 (e) The term of office of a clerk-treasurer subject to an ordinance  
22 described by IC 3-10-7-2.7 **(before its repeal)** is:  
23 (1) three (3) years if the clerk-treasurer is elected at the next  
24 municipal election not conducted in a general election year; and  
25 (2) four (4) years for the successors of the clerk-treasurer  
26 described in subdivision (1);  
27 beginning noon January 1 after the clerk-treasurer's election and  
28 continuing until the clerk-treasurer's successor is elected and qualified.  
29 (f) The term of office of a clerk-treasurer subject to an ordinance  
30 described by IC 3-10-7-2.9 **(before its repeal)** is:  
31 (1) the term of office provided by the ordinance, not to exceed  
32 four (4) years, for the clerk-treasurer elected in the first election  
33 cycle after adoption of the ordinance; and  
34 (2) four (4) years for the successors of the clerk-treasurer  
35 described in subdivision (1).

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