

Section 2: Roles and Responsibilities

Chapter 5: Elections

This chapter has been removed from this handbook due to village elections being eliminated through PA 523 & 551 of 2012. These Acts took effect on March 27 of 2013. All elections must now be held in November, at the general elections (even years only), and be administered by the township clerk.

The law eliminates all references to a September village regular election in the General Law Village Act with regard to the beginning dates of village officials' term of office. This means that the term of office of all elected village officials begins on November 20—after the officers' election and qualification.

In addition, a president pro tempore must be appointed by the council each November 20.

The extension of terms of office of elected village officials occurred automatically by law when the September election was eliminated. However, for villages with staggered terms, it would be prudent to lay out the new terms of office in a public meeting, but it is not required. Officers elected to four year terms in September 2011 have extended terms through November 2016.