

1 this Charter; provided, they shall serve until their successors are elected and ~~qualify~~-qualify.
2 provided further that (i) the Mayor elected in 2009 shall serve a term of five years, but the
3 Mayor's successors shall serve terms of four years; and (ii) the members of the board of
4 commissioners elected in 2009 and 2011 shall serve terms of five years, but the member's
5 successors shall serve terms of four years.

6 (b) No person shall be eligible to be a candidate or to be elected as Mayor or as a
7 member of the Board of Commissioners or to serve in such capacity, unless he is a resident and
8 a qualified voter of the Town.

9 (c) In the event a vacancy occurs in the office of Mayor or Commissioner, the Board
10 shall by majority vote appoint some qualified person to fill the same for the remainder of the
11 unexpired term."

12 **SECTION 4.** Section 4.1 of the Charter of the Town of Dobson, being Chapter
13 232 of the Session Laws of 1975, reads as rewritten:

14 "Sec. 4.1. Regular Elections. Elections shall be held biennially on the Tuesday after the first
15 Monday in November, beginning in ~~2012, 2014~~. In the ~~2012-2014~~ election and ~~biennially~~
16 quadrennially thereafter, the candidate for Mayor who receives the largest number of votes cast
17 for Mayor shall be declared elected for a term of ~~two~~-four years. In the ~~2012-2016~~ election and
18 quadrennially thereafter, the three candidates for Commissioner who receive the largest
19 numbers of votes cast for Commissioner shall be declared elected for terms of four years. In the
20 2014 election and quadrennially thereafter, the two candidates for Commissioner who receive
21 the largest numbers of votes cast for Commissioner shall be declared elected for terms of four
22 years. Regular municipal elections shall be held biennially in even-numbered years, but shall
23 otherwise be conducted in accordance with the general law governing municipal elections,
24 except that absentee ballots shall be available on the same schedule as for county and State
25 officers at that election."

26 **SECTION 5.** This act is effective when it becomes law.