

ELECTION COMMISSIONERS' ASSOCIATION
OF THE
STATE OF NEW YORK
2026 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

1. Properly fund the New York State Board of Elections and give the NYSBOE proper authority to promulgate regulations and enforce responsibilities outlined in state law. (Bi-partisan support)
2. Allow for flexibility for designating non-enrolled inspectors to serve as Republican or Democratic inspectors. (Bi-partisan support)
3. Grant county Election Commissioners independence and flexibility with respect to determining hours of operation. (Bi-partisan support)
4. Reduce the threshold for triggering recounts in close elections to .25% and allow for alternative scan within the .25-.50% range, while also reducing the minimum vote threshold to 10. (Bi-partisan support)
5. Exempt all party position contests from the manual hand count. (Bi-partisan support)
6. Altering the highest municipality early voting law to lower the highest city threshold to at least 10,000 voters. (Bi-partisan support)
7. Encourage legislation denoting that all public offices within the state of New York be referred to in gender neutral terms on Primary and General election ballots. (Bi-partisan support)
8. Authorize the issuing of same-day absentee ballots in those instances when commissioners agree that health-related exigencies on or immediately prior to Election Day create hardship. (Bi-partisan support)
9. Designation of Election Day as a non-attendance day for public school students. (Bi-partisan support)
10. Allow for Vote Centers on Election Day as well as Early Voting on a permissive basis. (Bi-partisan support)
11. Extension of Enrollment Change Freeze Window. (Bi-partisan support)
12. Recounts to Exclude All Delegates (Including Judicial) and County Committee. (Bi-partisan support)
13. Recounts Optional for Candidate with Lesser Vote. (Bi-partisan support)

14. Memorializing Resolution for a National Holiday (Federal). (Bi-partisan support)
16. Optional Ability to Scan Absentee Ballots During Early Voting. (Bi-partisan support)
17. Aid to localities funding of \$35 million for distribution to County Board of Elections of unbudgeted expenses. (Bi-partisan support)
18. Allow county parties to have direct ballot access with their nomination process outside of NYC. (Bi-partisan support).
20. Four-year terms for all election commissioners beginning the year after the gubernatorial election. (Bi-partisan support)
22. Support mandatory training and certification for Commissioners and Deputies. (Bi-partisan support)
23. Extend the General Election Post Primary drop off date until after the certification of the June Primary or last day to caucus for town races. (Bi-partisan support)
25. Mandate County Commissioner designations happen no later than the Party reorganizational meeting and/or October 15th in years where the party reorganizational meeting does not occur. (Bi-partisan support)
26. All Election Inspectors should be paid at least minimum wage for hours worked throughout New York State. (Bi-partisan support)
27. Repeal sections of 4-118, 4-119, 4-120 and 4-122 election law eliminating the requirement to publish legal ads prior to each election. (Bi-partisan support)
28. Unify New York under a single voter registration system administered by the NYS Board of Elections by 2029 with input from counties and stakeholders funded by New York State. (Bi-partisan support)