

**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 15<sup>th</sup> 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)