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Senate Deputy Leader Gianaris Announces Governor Hochul Signs His Vote Early By Mail Legislation

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New Law Allows New Yorkers to Vote Early by Mail

Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris announced Governor Kathy Hochul signed into law his [new legislation \(S.7394/A.7632\)](#) to expand early voting options to include an Early Vote by Mail choice for all New Yorkers. The legislation was sponsored in the State Assembly by Assembly Member Karines Reyes, R.N. of the Bronx. Senator Gianaris joined Governor Hochul for a signing ceremony today at New York Law School. Video of Senator Gianaris'

comments is [available here](#). Photos of the event will be available on Senator Gianaris' [Flickr page here](#).

“Voting is a fundamental right and the easier we make it to vote, the healthier our democracy will be,” said **Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris**. “I am proud the Governor signed these bills as we continue to build on our important work expanding access to the ballot box for all New Yorkers.”

The bill would give all New Yorkers the option of Early Voting by mail. While the state constitution requires a prescribed excuse for Election Day absentee voting, it does not constrain the Legislature from enacting a unique process for Early Voting. Similar proposals have been enacted and survived challenges in Massachusetts and Pennsylvania.

New Yorkers would request an Early Voting ballot from their local Board of Elections and it would need to be returned before the close of polls on Election Day.

The legislation is supported by groups including the Leadership Now Project, Institute for Responsive Government, Actors' Equity Association, Make the Road New York, StandUp America, and Tech:NYC

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May 22, 2023

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Do you support this bill?