



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

John E. Brooks

Senator Brooks rolls out legislation aimed to protect New Yorkers voting rights

JOHN E. BROOKS February 7, 2017

| ISSUE: **VOTING RIGHTS, VOTING REFORM**

(Albany, NY)- Senator John E. Brooks (SD-8) has announced several bills, as part of a legislative agenda, which would protect New Yorkers voting rights and make the polls more openly accessible to voters in New York State. These bills are part of the Senate Democratic 'Resistance Agenda' designed to protect voting rights and improve the voting process in New York.

New York's voter turnout is one of the nation's worst, and on the state level, the Senate Republican Majority has repeatedly blocked voting reform efforts such as early voting and same day registration.

"Government can never truly represent the people if citizens don't have the opportunity to have their voices heard at the voting booth. It is important that we make voting as openly accessible as possible. As our most sacred and fundamental right as Americans, voting should be made easier, instead of harder," said **Senator Brooks**.

Senator Brooks continued, "The more options we provide for Americans to vote, the more representative our government will be of the people. In my race, as well as the Presidential race, the importance of each and every vote was demonstrated."

The bills Sen. Brooks is sponsoring include:

- Deceptive Practices and Voter Suppression Act – S.2952
 - Early voting – S.2950
 - Consolidation of federal and state primaries – S.3562
 - The Voter Empowerment Act – S.3304
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RELATED LEGISLATION

2017-S2952

- Introduced
- - In Committee Assembly
 - In Committee Senate
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Prohibits deceptive practices and the suppression of voters, and increases penalties for violations of the elective franchise

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In Senate Committee [Elections](#)

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[Relates to primary elections and the timely transmission of ballots to military voters stationed overseas](#)

January 24, 2017

In Senate Committee [Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs](#)

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2017-S3304

- Introduced
- - In Committee Assembly
 - In Committee Senate
- - On Floor Calendar Assembly
 - On Floor Calendar Senate
- - Passed Assembly
 - Passed Senate
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[Enacts the voter empowerment act of New York](#)

January 20, 2017

In Senate Committee [Rules](#)

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