



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Michael Gianaris

## Senate Passes Gianaris' Automatic Voter Registration Bill, Strengthening And Expanding New Yorkers' Voting Rights

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ALBANY, N.Y. – Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris announced today the Senate Democratic Majority today advanced his Automatic Voter Registration legislation empowering more New Yorkers to take advantage of early voting opportunities and exercise their Constitutional right to vote. This builds on the [historic voting reforms](#) passed under the Senate Democratic Majority during the 2019 Legislative Session. This new package of voting reforms also includes and improvements to early voting to ensure adequate polling

locations in communities throughout the state.

“At a time in our country when voting rights are under assault, New York must live up to its potential as a progressive leader. Access to the ballot box should be easy and fair, and enacting automatic voter registration would go a long way towards improving our democracy. I am proud the Senate is passing AVR today,” said **Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris**.

Senator Gianaris’ bill, [S.6457B](#), creates a system of automatic voter registration within designated agency applications at the Departments of Health and Motor Vehicles.

Photos from Senator Gianaris’ press conference at the Capitol today are available here:

<https://bit.ly/2R60Ag6>.

Video of Senator Gianaris’ floor remarks on the legislation is available here:

<https://youtu.be/kESWK4oiDsM>.

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### **2019-S6457B**

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- - In Committee Assembly
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- ○ On Floor Calendar Assembly
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Establishes an electronic personal voter registration process

June 11, 2019

In Assembly Committee

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