



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Senator Rachel May's Portable Polling Locations Bill Passes Senate

RACHEL MAY January 9, 2020

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**Syracuse, NY** - Today, Senator Rachel May (D-Onondaga, Madison, Oneida) announced that her bill, Portable Polling Locations (S.6926A), was passed by the Senate as part of a larger elections reform package.

This bill provides local Boards of Election with flexibility during early voting to establish, at their discretion, two or more temporary polling locations. These locations are in addition to the mandated number of regular polling sites, and must be operational for a minimum of 3 consecutive days.

“Over the last year, I have heard from many election officials on the need for greater flexibility in placing early voting locations,” said Senator May. “Across the country, states have innovated models for creating portable and temporary early voting locations. I am proud to bring one of these models to New York. By offering the opportunity to open short-term polling locations, in addition to regular polling places, more voters will be able to access early voting -- especially elderly, rural, and low-income voters.”

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#### RELATED LEGISLATION

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### **2019-S6926A**

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- Introduced
  
- - In Committee Assembly
  - In Committee Senate
  
- - On Floor Calendar Assembly
  - On Floor Calendar Senate
  
- - Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate

- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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Establishes portable polling locations for early voting

December 23, 2019

In Assembly Committee

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Do you support this bill?