



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Zellnor Myrie

John R. Lewis NY Voting Rights Act Signed Into Law

ZELLNOR MYRIE June 20, 2022

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BROOKLYN— Senator Zellnor Y. Myrie (D-Central Brooklyn) today released the following statement after Governor Kathy Hochul signed into law **the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act of New York**:

"Throughout our history American heroes like John R. Lewis put their lives on the line to secure and defend our rights— not just their own, but yours and mine as well. They didn't do this because our country was perfect, but because it was imperfect. They saw a future where all voters and all voices count. That torch has now been passed to us, and this is why I'm so proud to have sponsored the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act of New York.

"Just last week, several important races around the country were won by people who deny the validity of elections and who will work to reduce access for voters. It does not have to be this way for any American. By enacting the strongest voter protections of any state in the nation, New York is leading the way to a more secure democracy that defends our rights and respects the dignity of everyone.

"I am grateful to Governor Hochul for signing this legislation and standing strong for voting rights, and to my partner and co-sponsor, Assembly Election Law Chair Latrice M. Walker for leading this fight with me. I also want to recognize the advocates and civil rights leaders who have been tireless champions for this bill. Today's victory is yours as well.

"It is clear that we cannot wait for the federal government or courts to protect our rights— states must lead the way. By signing the VRA into law today, New York is doing just that."

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- Introduced
- - In Committee Assembly
 - In Committee Senate
- - On Floor Calendar Assembly
 - On Floor Calendar Senate
- - Passed Assembly
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- Delivered to Governor
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Relates to the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act of New York

January 06, 2021

Signed by Governor

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Do you support this bill?