

Annual Report 2023

New York State Senate Standing Committee on Elections

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The Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins
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Dear Senator Stewart-Cousins:

I am pleased to transmit the Annual Report of the Senate's Standing Committee on Elections for the 2023 Legislative Session. As Chairman, I am proud to continue to lead our efforts to address important matters under my committee's jurisdiction.

During the 2023 Session, this Committee met four times in Session and reported 46 bills.

I thank my colleagues who served on the Committee for their efforts and support of the work that was done in the Committee this year, and I thank you for the continued support from the Majority Conference in the Committee's operations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zellnor Y. Myrie', written in a cursive style.

Senator Zellnor Y. Myrie
20th Senatorial District

2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION REPORT

**NEW YORK STATE SENATE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS**

Senator Zellnor Y. Myrie, Chairperson

Committee Members

Majority	Minority
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COMMITTEE JURISDICTION AND OVERVIEW

The New York State Senate Standing Committee on Elections has legislative oversight responsibilities for issues concerning election security, voter registration, and State of Board Elections practices and procedures.

During the 2023 Legislative Session, 199 bills were referred to the Committee for its review. Of these bills, 46 were reported from the Committee, 39 were passed by the Senate, and 12 passed in both houses. This work was conducted through a series of four committee meetings. A list of all bills that were reported from the committee is provided at the end of this report.

COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

In 2023, the following key package of bills were acted on by the committee to reform and improve election administration in New York:

Bill	Sponsor	Summary	Action
S371	Gianaris	Enacts the democracy preservation act	Passed Senate
S438	Skoufis	Relates to requiring electors to vote for the presidential and vice presidential candidate who was nominated by the political party that nominated the presidential elector	Signed Chap.476
S587	Comrie	Relates to mandatory training curriculum for poll workers	Passed Senate
S612A	Mayer	Prohibits conflicts of interest among board of elections employees	Recommitted to Rules
S614	Myrie	Prohibits election commissioners and deputy commissioners from holding a publicly elected office	Passed Senate
S619	Krueger	Relates to the exercise of powers and duties of the board of elections of the city of New York and its executive management	Passed Senate
S644	Mannion	Establishes minimum staffing levels for local board of elections	Passed Senate
S657	Myrie	Regulates public data maintained by county and city boards of elections and establishes the New York voting and elections database and institute to maintain a statewide database of voting and election data	Passed Senate
S2333	Myrie	Relates to availability of electronic ballot images	Passed Senate
S3505B	Skoufis	Provides that certain local elections held outside of New York City shall be in an even-numbered year	Delivered to Governor
S5268A	Myrie	Relates to the authority of the state board of elections to issue subpoenas	Passed Senate
S6247	Myrie	Relates to contributions from persons doing or seeking business dealings with a state governmental entity	Passed Senate
S7394A	Gianaris	Establishes the "New York Early Mail Voter Act"	Signed Chap.481

TWO HOUSE BILLS

In 2023, 12 of the 199 bills referred to the Standing Committee on Elections passed both houses of the Legislature. Of these bills, the Governor has signed 11 and vetoed none. In addition, one bill remains to be acted on by the Governor.

Bill	Sponsor	Summary	Action
S350	Jackson	Relates to legal challenges to the constitutionality of provisions of the election law	Signed Chap.475
S438	Skoufis	Relates to requiring electors to vote for the presidential and vice presidential candidate who was nominated by the political party that nominated the presidential elector	Signed Chap.476
S587	Comrie	Relates to mandatory training curriculum for poll workers	Signed Chap.477
S615	Myrie	Relates to contribution and receipt limitations applicable to candidates for election to any public office	Signed Chap.105
S945	Gianaris	Amends election law to accurately reflect proper cross reference	Signed Chap.423
S1381A	Comrie	Requires proposed amendment to the constitution or other question provided by law to be submitted to a statewide vote be submitted to the people for their approval in plain language	Signed Chap.648
S3505B	Skoufis	Provides that certain local elections held outside of New York City shall be in an even-numbered year	Delivered to Governor
S5818A	Myrie	Relates to the dates to file a designating petition	Signed Chap.120
S5984A	Kavanagh	Relates to registration of voters during early voting	Signed Chap.479
S6195	Myrie	Relates to ballots submitted in envelopes that are sealed and have no indication of tampering	Signed Chap.472

S6519A	Kavanagh	Establishes a deadline for changing the location of a polling place for early voting	Signed Chap.480
S7394A	Gianaris	Establishes the "New York Early Mail Voter Act"	Signed Chap.481

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

Bill	Sponsor	Summary	Action
S136	Krueger	Increases compensation of election inspectors to \$300 and coordinators to \$350 in New York city	Passed Senate
S242	May	Establishes portable polling locations for early voting	Passed Senate
S263	Stewart-Cousins	Prohibits deceptive practices and the suppression of voters, and increases penalties for violations of the elective franchise	Passed Senate
S350	Jackson	Relates to legal challenges to the constitutionality of provisions of the election law	Passed Senate
S371	Gianaris	Enacts the democracy preservation act	Passed Senate
S438	Skoufis	Relates to requiring electors to vote for the presidential and vice presidential candidate who was nominated by the political party that nominated the presidential elector	Passed Senate
S585	May	Relates to the removal of an election commissioner	Passed Senate
S587	Comrie	Relates to mandatory training curriculum for poll workers	Passed Senate
S609	Hoylman-Sigal	Relates to split shifts for election inspectors or poll clerks	Passed Senate
S610	Hoylman-Sigal	Authorizes boards of elections to establish absentee ballot drop-off locations	Passed Senate
S611	Mayer	Makes commissioners full time employees of the board	Passed Senate

S612A	Mayer	Prohibits conflicts of interest among board of elections employees	Recommitted to Rules
S613A	Myrie	Subtracts from the federal adjusted gross income any income earned by election inspectors, poll clerks, or election coordinators	Passed Senate
S614	Myrie	Prohibits election commissioners and deputy commissioners from holding a publicly elected office	Passed Senate
S615	Myrie	Relates to contribution and receipt limitations applicable to candidates for election to any public office	Passed Senate
S616	Myrie	Relates to furnishing money or entertainment to induce attendance at polls	Passed Senate
S617	Myrie	Relates to mandatory training curriculum	Passed Senate
S619	Krueger	Relates to the exercise of powers and duties of the board of elections of the city of New York and its executive management	Passed Senate
S644	Mannion	Establishes minimum staffing levels for local board of elections	Passed Senate
S645	Mannion	Requires a commissioner to meet certain qualifications before his or her appointment	Passed Senate
S657	Myrie	Regulates public data maintained by county and city boards of elections and establishes the New York voting and elections database and institute to maintain a statewide database of voting and election data	Passed Senate

S944A	Jackson	Prohibits a court from bifurcating certain primary elections	Passed Senate
S945	Gianaris	Amends election law to accurately reflect proper cross reference	Passed Senate
S1381A	Comrie	Requires proposed amendment to the constitution or other question provided by law to be submitted to a statewide vote be submitted to the people for their approval in plain language	Passed Senate
S2298	Mayer	Requires that subpoenas relating to election matters be served with a separate informational sheet that summarizes why the subpoena has been issued	Passed Senate
S2331	Myrie	Relates to notifying voters of the candidates and upcoming elections	Passed Senate
S2333	Myrie	Relates to availability of electronic ballot images	Passed Senate
S2349A	Myrie	Provides that a voter may register to vote at any residence to which the voter maintains a continuous connection with an intent to remain	Passed Senate
S2362	Rivera	Requires the filing of additional transferor and contributor identification information in campaign receipt and expenditure statements	Committed to Rules
S3505B	Skoufis	Provides that certain local elections held outside of New York City shall be in an even-numbered year	Passed Senate

S5259	Krueger	Directs the state board of elections to conduct a study on the implementation and impact of ranked choice voting in New York state	Committed to Rules
S5268A	Myrie	Relates to the authority of the state board of elections to issue subpoenas	Passed Senate
S5537A	May	Authorizes county boards of elections to establish county-wide polling places	Passed Senate
S5553A	Skoufis	Relates to political contributions by corporations	Committed to Rules
S5818A	Myrie	Relates to the dates to file a designating petition	Passed Senate
S5943	Skoufis	Modifies the order in which candidates appear on the ballot	Passed Senate
S5984A	Kavanagh	Relates to registration of voters during early voting	Passed Senate
S6130A	Parker	Provides that an attorney licensed to practice law in the state may serve as a poll watcher in any city or county in the state	Passed Senate
S6169A	Cleare	Enacts the voting integrity and verification act of New York (VIVA NY)	Passed Senate
S6173A	Skoufis	Relates to joining multistate voter list maintenance organizations	Passed Senate
S6195	Myrie	Relates to ballots submitted in envelopes that are sealed and have no indication of tampering	Passed Senate
S6247	Myrie	Relates to contributions from persons doing or seeking business dealings with a state governmental entity	Passed Senate

S6519A	Kavanagh	Establishes a deadline for changing the location of a polling place for early voting	Passed Senate
S6675	Breslin	Relates to public-facing websites operated by political committees	Passed Senate
S6933	Webb	Relates to the terms of office of commissioners of elections	Passed Senate
S7394A	Gianaris	Establishes the "New York Early Mail Voter Act"	Passed Senate



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