



Annual Report 2024

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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 2024 Legislative Session. As Chair, I am proud to continue to lead our efforts to address important matters under my committee's jurisdiction.

During the 2024 session, this committee met four times in session and reported 48 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.

Zellnor Y. Myrie
New York State Senator, 20th District

2024 LEGISLATIVE SESSION REPORT

NEW YORK STATE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS

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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 the State Board of Elections practices and procedures.

During the 2024 Legislative Session, 226 bills were referred to the Committee for its review. Of these bills, 48 were reported from the Committee. 40 were passed by the Senate, and 7 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 2024, the following key package of bills was acted on by the committee to reform and improve election administration in New York:

- S.610 (Hoylman-Sigal) - Chapter 500 of 2024. To allow local Boards of Elections to establish absentee ballot drop-off locations to provide voters with a convenient alternative option to submit their absentee ballots.
- S.612D (Mayer) – Chapter 639 of 2024. To end the actual and perceived conflicts of interests of board of elections employees caused by outside income related to the administration of elections and supervision of elections in which they are candidates.
- S.6199B (Myrie) - Chapter 655 of 2024. To prevent bad actors from gaming the system concerning candidate designation for certain county committees.
- S.136 (Krueger) - Passed Senate. To increase the pay of election inspectors and coordinators.
- S.371 (Gianaris) - Passed Senate. Banning political spending by foreign-influenced business entities in New York's state and local elections.
- S.617 (Myrie) - Passed Senate. The purpose of this bill is to ensure consistent training of election commissioners by the New York State Board of Elections (NYSBOE).
- S.657A (Myrie) - Passed Senate / In the Budget. To create a New York State Voting and Elections Database in the State Board of Elections and an Academic Center which will compile New York's election data and administer it for research and to provide election operation assistance to political subdivisions as well as the public.
- S.4433 (Fernandez) - Passed Senate. To permit boards of elections to hire college and university students as elections inspectors without compliance with certain requirements.
- S.4733 (Krueger) - Passed Senate. To ensure that campaigns that are paying social media influencers to make posts on behalf of a campaign disclose such information.
- S.6638B (Parker) - Reported from Committee. An act to amend the election law and the legislative law, in relation to the use and disclosure of synthetic media

TWO HOUSE BILLS

In 2024, 7 of the 226 bills referred to the Standing Committee on Elections passed both houses of the Legislature. Of these bills, the Governor has signed 5 and vetoed none. In addition, 2 bills remain to be acted on by the Governor.

BILL	SPONSOR	SUMMARY	SIGNIFICANT ACT
B01460	KRUEGER	Concerns the rescission of all previous requests by the New York State Legislature or either house thereof for a convention under Article V of the United States Constitution	Delivered to Secretary of State
S00610	HOYLMAN-SIGAL	Authorizes boards of elections to establish absentee ballot drop-off locations. Eff. Date 11/22/2024	Chaptered 500
S00612D	MAYER	Prohibits conflicts of interest among board of elections employees; prevents a board of elections employee from remaining on the board of elections payroll while also a candidate for an office who has an election overseen by the board at which they are employed; allows for a member to remain on the board until 90 days before the general election if there is no primary for such office.	Chaptered 639
S05943	SKOUFIS	Modifies the order in which candidates appear on the ballot; requires that offices shall be listed on the ballot in descending order based on the size of the electorate and requires certain federal offices to be listed before state, county or local offices. Eff. Date 01/01/2025	Chaptered 217
S06130A	PARKER	Provides that an attorney licensed to practice in the state may serve as a poll watcher in any city or county in the state. Eff. Date 08/06/2024	Chaptered 218
S06199B	MYRIE	Relates to notifying candidates of designation for certain county committees; requires the board of elections of the city of New York to provide notice to each candidate designated in a petition for election to a party position of a county committee located within the city of New York.	Chaptered 655
S06735A	MAY	Relates to allowing pre-registered voters to apply for an absentee or early mail ballot.	Substituted By A3250A - Chaptered 214
S08464	SKOUFIS	Moves the date of the meeting of the electors; changes the method for the transmission of the certificates of vote to align with federal law.	Substituted By A9409 - Chaptered 215

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

BILL	SPONSOR	SUMMARY	SIGNIFICANT ACT
B01460	KRUEGER	Concerns the rescission of all previous requests by the New York State Legislature or either house thereof for a convention under Article V of the United States Constitution	Delivered to Secretary of State
S00136	KRUEGER	Increases compensation of election inspectors to \$300 and coordinators to \$350 in New York city.	Passed the Senate
S00242	MAY	Establishes portable polling locations for early voting; provides that a county board of elections may establish one or more portable polling locations.	Passed the Senate
S00263	STEWART-COUSINS	Prohibits deceptive practices and the suppression of voters. Criminal Sanction Impact.	Passed the Senate
S00371	GIANARIS	Enacts the democracy preservation act; prohibits contributions by foreign-influenced business entities; requires certification.	Passed the Senate
S00585A	MAY	Relates to the removal of an election commissioner by the governor or by affirmative vote of a majority of commissioners of the state board of elections for incompetence, misconduct, or other good cause, provided that prior to removal, such election commissioner shall be given a written copy of the charges against them and have an opportunity to be heard in their defense.	Passed the Senate
S00609	HOYLMAN-SIGAL	Relates to split shifts for election inspectors or poll clerks.	Passed the Senate
S00610	HOYLMAN-SIGAL	Authorizes boards of elections to establish absentee ballot drop-off locations. Eff. Date 11/22/2024	Chaptered 500
S00611B	MAYER	Makes commissioners full time employees of boards outside the city of New York.	Passed the Senate
S00612D	MAYER	Prohibits conflicts of interest among board of elections employees; prevents a board of elections employee from remaining on the board of elections payroll while also a candidate for an office who has an election overseen by the board at which they are employed; allows for a member to remain on the board until 90 days before the general election if there is no primary for such office.	Chaptered 639

S00613A	MYRIE	Subtracts from the federal adjusted gross income any income earned by election inspectors, poll clerks, or election coordinators earned while working in relation to a general, primary, run-off primary, or special election to the extent includable in gross income for federal tax purposes; exempts such income from being included in the calculation of the amount of benefits under public assistance programs.	Passed the Senate
S00614	MYRIE	Prohibits election commissioners and deputy election commissioners from holding a publicly elected office or from being the respective chair of the county democratic or republican committees.	Senate Rules
S00616	MYRIE	Relates to furnishing money or entertainment to induce attendance at polls.	Passed the Senate
S00617	MYRIE	Relates to mandatory training curriculum for election commissioners and key staff of boards of elections.	Passed the Senate
S00619A	KRUEGER	Relates to the exercise of powers and duties of the board of elections of the city of New York and its executive management; provides for equal representation among certain employees of the board of elections; relates to qualification and removal of certain employees of the board of elections.	Passed the Senate
S00644A	MANNION	Requires every board of elections to employ a minimum of four full time employees in addition to the appointed commissioners within four years and shall employ two of those full time employees within two years; and two additional employees for every twenty thousand active registered voters beyond forty thousand active registered voters.	Passed the Senate
S00645A	MANNION	Requires a commissioner to meet certain qualifications before his or her appointment which shall include, but not be limited to, the qualifications prescribed by section three of the public officers law, and demonstrated experience in election administration or other management, operations, or administrative experience in the public, non-profit, or private sector as deemed sufficient by the board.	Passed the Senate

S00657A	MYRIE	Enacts the "Doctor John L. Flateau Voting and Elections Database and Academic Center of New York Act"; regulates public data maintained by county and city boards of elections; establishes the New York voting and elections academic center to maintain a statewide database of voting and election data.	Passed the Senate
S01116	BORRELLO	Prohibits ballot harvesting; prohibits a person from submitting an application for an absentee ballot on behalf of a voter without notarized consent; permits family members, caregivers and other officials to submit applications. Criminal Sanction Impact.	Reported to Senate Codes
S01148	KRUEGER	Relates to designating early polling places.	Passed the Senate
S02057A	JACKSON	Includes a statement on the envelopes of ballots for absentee voters and special presidential voters for signature affirmation.	Passed the Senate
S02298	MAYER	Requires that subpoenas issued relating to election matters be served with a separate informational sheet that summarizes why the subpoena has been issued.	Passed the Senate
S02331A	MYRIE	Instructs the state board of elections to create and distribute voting guides to voters containing information about the candidates; mandates that voters receive postcards to notify them of upcoming elections and that television and radio stations also notify their audience of upcoming elections.	Reported to Senate Finance
S02349A	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, including a second home or a vacation home or a home where a student lives while attending a college or university.	Passed the Senate

S02362	RIVERA	Requires the filing of additional transferor and contributor identification information in campaign receipt and expenditure statements for the receipt of amounts over one hundred dollars, including the full name, full residential address including any suite, floor, or apartment, occupation, employer and employer's full business address in the case of an individual, and the full name and address of any partnership, committee, association, corporation, labor organization or group of persons.	Senate Rules
S04433	FERNANDEZ	Authorizes, under certain circumstances, full-time college and university students to act as election inspectors and poll clerks in the election district where their college or university is located.	Passed the Senate
S04733A	KRUEGER	Requires social media influencers to disclose when they share on social media that they are being paid by a campaign; authorizes the state board of elections to promulgate certain regulations.	Passed the Senate
S05259	KRUEGER	Directs the state board of elections to conduct a study on the implementation and impact of ranked choice voting in New York state.	Reported to Senate Finance
S05268A	MYRIE	Relates to the authority of the state board of elections to issue subpoenas; directs the board of elections to issue rules and regulations.	Passed the Senate
S05537A	MAY	Authorizes county boards of elections to establish county-wide polling places where any person entitled to vote in such county by personal appearance may so vote on the day of a primary election or general election, subject to approval by the state board of elections.	Passed the Senate
S05553A	SKOUFIS	Prohibits schedule B contributions on campaign finance filings.	Senate Rules
S05943	SKOUFIS	Modifies the order in which candidates appear on the ballot; requires that offices shall be listed on the ballot in descending order based on the size of the electorate and requires certain federal offices to be listed before state, county or local offices. Eff. Date 01/01/2025	Chaptered 217
S06130A	PARKER	Provides that an attorney licensed to practice in the state may serve as a poll watcher in any city or county in the state. Eff. Date 08/06/2024	Chaptered 218

S06168	COMRIE	Ensures that boards of elections provide adequate notice to each voter before and after a board cancels the voter's registration or places such voter in inactive status.	Reported to Senate Finance
S06173B	SKOUFIS	Permits the state board of elections to join certain multistate voter list maintenance organizations and provide such organizations with certain voter information; requires the state to join a multistate voter list maintenance organization on or before July 31, 2025.	On Calendar 392 Opposite House
S06199B	MYRIE	Relates to notifying candidates of designation for certain county committees; requires the board of elections of the city of New York to provide notice to each candidate designated in a petition for election to a party position of a county committee located within the city of New York.	Chaptered 655
S06638B	PARKER	Enacts the "political artificial intelligence disclaimer (PAID) act"; requires political communications that use synthetic media to disclose that they were created with the assistance of artificial intelligence; requires committees that use synthetic media to maintain records of such usage.	Senate Rules
S06675	BRESLIN	Requires public-facing websites operated by political committees to contain "paid for by" language; adds such public-facing websites to the list of political communications that qualify as independent expenditures.	Passed the Senate
S06735A	MAY	Relates to allowing pre-registered voters to apply for an absentee or early mail ballot.	Substituted By A3250A - Chaptered 214
S06933A	WEBB	Increases the term of office of an election commissioner from two to four years beginning January first of each odd numbered year.	Passed the Senate
S07426A	THOMAS	Requires state and county boards of elections to post sample ballots online at least twelve days prior to the first day of early voting; requires such ballots to be posted in a searchable database.	Passed the Senate

S07725A	MAY	Enacts the "election workers and polling places protection act" to protect poll watchers, election officials, voters and physical property being used as a polling place or by the board of elections. Criminal Sanction Impact.	Reported to Senate Codes
S08224	SKOUFIS	Changes party enrollment of voters where the enrolled party contained the word "Independence" or "Independent" to not being enrolled in any party.	Passed the Senate
S08464	SKOUFIS	Moves the date of the meeting of the electors; changes the method for the transmission of the certificates of vote to align with federal law.	Substituted By A9409 - Chaptered 215
S08631	GONZALEZ	Permits a candidate who was depicted in materially deceptive media in a political communication to seek injunctive or other equitable relief prohibiting the publication of such materially deceptive media unless certain disclosures are provided; establishes an affirmative defense.	Senate Rules
S08752A	GIANARIS	Provides for automatic voter registration and pre-registration for persons applying for certain department of motor vehicles documentation, and for persons applying for or re-enrolling in Medicaid; allows individuals to decline such automatic registration and pre-registration.	Passed the Senate
S08827A	BAILEY	Requires any student graduating from a high school in New York state be provided with a voter registration form.	Passed the Senate
S08832	GIANARIS	Relates to the canvassing of ballots; repeals provisions of law relating to the counting of ballots and challenges to ballots.	Passed the Senate
S09270	KAVANAGH	Relates to the term paper ballot; provides that voters will be informed that if they have moved from the address where they were last registered, they must either notify the board of elections of their new address or vote by affidavit ballot at the polling place for their new address even if such voters have not re-registered. State Board of Elections	Passed the Senate



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