

Vote 411

is the League's electronic voter guide. Visit the website (www.vote411.org), enter your address and find out the races and candidates on your ballot. Specific information on the candidates is also available.



OTHER ELECTION REFORMS PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE IN 2019

(see www.nyearlyvoting.org for more information on these reforms)

Bills Signed into Law in 2019

Paid Time Off to Vote
Primary Consolidation
Uniform Polling Hours during Primary Elections

Bills Taking Effect in 2020

Online Voter Registration
Preregistration to Vote for 16- and 17-year-olds

Bills Passed and Waiting for Governor to Sign

Party Enrollment Deadline Change
Voter Friendly Ballot Act

Concurrent resolutions regarding Constitutional Amendments passed (Must be passed again after 2020 election and then put on the ballot for voter approval)

Same Day Voter Registration
No-Excuse Absentee Ballot Voting

*As of August 16, 2019

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Countdown to Election Day 2019



General Election – November 5

- Oct. 11 – last day to postmark voter registration form or register in person at BOE
- Oct. 11 – last day to change party enrollment for 2020 primaries
- Oct. 26 – early voting is available through Nov. 3
- Oct. 29 – last day to postmark application for absentee ballot
- Nov. 3 – early voting ends
- Nov. 4 – last day to apply in person for absentee ballot
- Nov. 4 – last day to postmark ballot for general election
- Nov. 5 – last day to deliver absentee ballot in person to BOE

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New York State



Early Voting

DETAILS AND INFORMATION

League of Women Voters of New York State
www.lwvny.org
1-866-598-6971

New York State Board of Elections
www.elections.ny.gov
1-800-367-8683

Voter Registration Search/
Polling Place Lookup:
voterlookup.elections.ny.gov/

Voting Machine Information:
[www.elections.ny.gov/
VotingMachines.html](http://www.elections.ny.gov/VotingMachines.html)

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OF NEW YORK STATE

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Early Voting 2019

Early Voting – October 26 to November 3, 2019
General Election Day – November 5, 2019

Voting is about to get easier for New Yorkers. New York has long lagged behind most of the country when it comes to voting. During this past legislative session however, many election reform bills were passed, and signed into law. These new laws significantly change the way you can register and vote in New York State. Some reforms have taken effect already, some will take effect in the next year, and two are constitutional amendments that need to be passed by both houses of the legislature after the next statewide election (2020) and then be approved by the voters.

One of the key reforms adopted this year is the provision for early voting across the state.

What does early voting do?

Early voting allows you to vote in person at a poll site within your county for nine (9) days, beginning Saturday, October 26 and continuing through Sunday, November 3. You do not need to have a reason or excuse to vote early.

The poll sites for early voting will not necessarily be your usual poll site location. Each county will determine where the poll sites for early voting will be and the hours each site will be open for voting. Some counties will assign you to a specific poll site during early voting days and other counties will allow you to go to any poll site within the county to vote early. Each county can make this decision and you can see on the county Board of Elections (BOE) website or the state League's website (www.nyearlyvoting.org) where you can vote in your county. A county is required to have one (1) poll site for every fifty thousand (50,000) registered voters, though some counties may have more.

On the General Election Day, November 5th, you must go to your usual assigned poll site to vote.

If you vote in person, during early voting, you are NOT eligible to vote by either absentee ballot, or in person at the polls on General Election Day (November 5th).

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What can I expect at the early voting poll site?

Voting at an early voting poll site may be different from the way you have voted on Election Day. For example, there may be electronic poll books instead of paper registration books. However, you will still be expected to sign in (either on the paper poll book or the electronic poll book), receive a ballot, complete the ballot and feed the ballot into a scanner for counting. A sample ballot should be posted at your poll site.

Do I need to be registered to vote early or can I register at an early voting poll site?

You still must be registered to vote in advance of voting early in NYS. October 11, 2019, is the last day to register to vote in person at your county Board of Elections office or to postmark your voter registration form (which should be mailed to your county Board of Elections office). In NYS, you cannot register to vote during early voting or at the polls on General Election Day. The registration form is available on the NYS BOE website (<https://www.elections.ny.gov/VotingRegister.html#VoteRegForm>), your county Board of Elections office or website, the state League website (<https://lwvnyonline.org/advocacy/vote/2019/2019-Voter-Reg-Form.pdf>) or you can register online through the NYS Department of Motor Vehicles at <https://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-registration-application> if you have an account with DMV (e.g., driver's license, car registration).

How will every polling site have the pollbooks with a list of registered voters?

In some counties, only one poll site will be available for early voting and that may be the county Board of Elections office. In some counties where there is more than one poll site for early voting, you will be assigned to a specific early voting site. (This poll site may be different from your usual poll site where you would vote on November 5, General Election Day.) In other counties, you will be allowed to visit ANY poll site to vote early and at those poll sites, there will likely be electronic poll books which will have all voters in that county listed; and you will sign in by your name on the electronic poll book (computer).

Will the ballot look the same at early voting poll sites and General Election Day poll sites?

Yes, the ballot at an early voting poll site will be identical to the ballot provided on November 5, General Election Day. A sample ballot should be posted at each poll site, but it is also available on the website of your county Board of Elections.

When will my vote be counted if I vote early?

Ballots submitted at an early poll site (October 26 to November 3) will be counted on the General Election Day, November 5. The statute permits counties to begin counting early voting ballots no earlier than 8pm on Tuesday, November 5th.

Can I change my vote if I vote early?

No, once you submit your ballot in person, at an early voting poll site, you cannot vote again at an early voting poll site or at your usual poll site on General Election Day. Once you submit your ballot, you have completed voting and cannot change your vote.

What if my name is not in the paper poll book or electronic poll book?

If you are at an early voting poll site or at your usual poll site on General Election Day, and your name is not in the poll book (either paper book or electronic pollbook), ask to complete an affidavit ballot (sometimes called a provisional ballot). Make sure you are at the correct poll site for your address (either in early voting or on General Election Day), and if so, do not leave without completing an affidavit ballot. After the General Election Day, the county Board of Elections (BOE) office will research your registration and count your affidavit ballot, if you are a qualified voter. You should follow up with a call or visit to your county BOE to confirm that your ballot was counted. In certain counties, including NYC, the BOE will send you a letter advising you whether or not your vote was counted.

What if I moved or am moving during the early voting period?

One of the other reforms passed by the Legislature this year was a statewide voter registration transfer, also known as "Registration Portability." This law requires the Board of Elections to transfer registration and enrollment of a voter appearing on a statewide voter list to wherever the voter moves within the state. So if you move, even to a different county in NYS, and your new county has not been notified of your change of address, you can vote on an affidavit ballot at the poll site of your new address, and your affidavit ballot will be counted once your new address is verified.

As this is a new law, we strongly recommend that if you move, you submit a voter registration form with your new information or visit MyDMV to change your registration online (see above). If you have a driver's license or motor vehicle registration and need to file a form with the Department of Motor Vehicles to change your address, you can notify the Board of Elections of your address change at the same time by checking "yes" for that option on DMV's Form MV-232.

Also, if you go to vote either during early voting or on General Election Day, and your name is not in the poll book, fill out an affidavit ballot. You will be prompted to enter your new address on the affidavit ballot envelope.