THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
of New York State

Election Law Reform

Issue	Description	Bill Numbers
Early Voting	• The League supports enacting early voting in New York State. • Currently 37 states allow for some form of early voting. • Early voting should be implemented in a manner that will allow equivalent access to the polls for all voters.	• **A.8582A(Kavanagh)/ S.03813B(Stewart-Cousins)** Allows for early voting for up to 12-days before the general election.
Voter Registration	• The League supports paperless forms of voter registration as a means of decreasing costs and increasing accuracy of the voter rolls. • The League supports Election Day registration, (registering and voting) on the same day, as a proven method of increasing voter participation. • The League supports pre-registration of 16 and 17 year olds to ensure that their voting participation is routine before they attend college or enter the workforce.	• **A.2529 (Kavanagh) / S.00857 (Gianaris)** Allows for pre-registration of 16 and 17 year olds. • **A.5891(Kavanagh)/S.2391(Gianaris)** Amends Constitution to remove requirement to complete voter registration 10 days before an election.
No-Excuse Absentee	• The League supports a constitutional amendment to allow for no-excuse absentee voting. • Currently 27 states and the District of Columbia allow for no-excuse absentee voting.	• **A3874B (Brennan)** Authorizes ballot by mail by removing cause for absentee ballot voting.
Ballot Design	• The League supports improvements to ballot design that would include: (1) A clear delineation between offices with a bold vertical bar between offices and a fine line between the candidates (2) A larger font with an absolute minimum size (3) Fill-in circles in black instead of gray.	• **A.3389 (Kavanagh)** Creates the Voter Friendly Ballot Act which would create a ballot layout that is easy for voters to read and use.
Single June Primary	• The League of Women Voters of New York State strongly supports legislation that would create a single combined congressional and state June primary date and would bring New York State into compliance with the Military Overseas Voter Empowerment (MOVE) Act.	• **A.9108 (Cusick)/ S.6452A (Stewart-Cousins)** Allows for the consolidation of state and congressional primaries to create a single June primary.
Electronic Poll Books	• The League strongly supports replacing printed poll books with electronic poll books to eliminate time and resources spent producing paper poll books and updating voter information, and to speed up processing voters at the polls on Election Day.	• **A.8608A (Cusick)/S.6581 (Akshar)** Allows for the use of electronic poll books in New York State.