A Summary of NEW VOTING LAWS for Westchester Residents

Honorable Benjamin Boykin II
Chairman of the Westchester County Board of Legislators
A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN....

I am pleased to provide you with the attached Summary of New Voting Laws that affects voters in New York. This explains the voting bills that were passed by the New York State Legislature and signed into law in January 2019 by Governor Cuomo.

We all share the goals of increasing voter turnout and making it easier for voters to cast ballots. I hope these new changes to State Law will help achieve these goals. Our County Board of Elections is working hard to implement the new requirements.

Also attached is a document from the Westchester County Board of Elections providing information on becoming an Election Inspector.

Sincerely,

Honorable Benjamin Boykin II
Chairman of the Westchester County Board of Legislators
# SUMMARY OF NEW VOTING LAWS

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| One Primary Election Date  
A single Primary Election date means there will no longer be a September Primary Election date | This law establishes a unified primary date, the fourth Tuesday in June, which applies to all candidates for public office (Federal, State, County and Local). Village Elections will remain on the third Tuesday of March every year. | Immediately.  
The 2019 Primary Date is Tuesday, June 25th. |
| Voter Change of Address  
Voters will no longer have to re-register in person when they move | This law ensures that when a voter moves elsewhere within New York State, and the Board of Elections receives notice of an address change from the U.S. Post Office, a State Agency or an affidavit ballot, their voter registration will seamlessly go with them. | March 25, 2019 |
| Pre-registration for Minors  
Relates to voter pre-registration | This law allows 16 and 17-year-olds to pre-register to vote and enables them to then be automatically registered and eligible to vote on their 18th birthday. | January 1, 2020 |
| Early Voting  
Will allow registered voters in New York the option to vote early | This law creates a 10-day ‘early voting’ period, for both Primary and General Elections (see NOTE), making voting more convenient for everyone including those whose professional or family situations make it difficult to physically get to the polls on Election Day. It will also reduce waiting times at the polls. | Although this new law is effective immediately, the first opportunity for early voting will take place before the General Election on Tuesday, November 5, 2019  
**NOTE:** In 2019, there is no Early Voting for the Primary Election in June |

**EARLY VOTING DATES:**  
In 2019, the dates for Early Voting will be Saturday, October 26th through (and including) Sunday, November 3rd.

**EARLY VOTING PLACES:**  
The Westchester County Board of Elections will select multiple voting locations specifically for Early Voting (which may not be a regular polling place). At least seven locations for early voting are required under State law. The Westchester County Board of Elections will notify you by mail of your Early Voting polling place.

In addition, there are two more laws that have been approved for Constitutional Amendments; this means they must pass two consecutive State Legislatures and a public referendum before these laws can become effective.

| Same-Day Registration  
Currently, voter registration must take place at least 25 days before Primary and General Elections | This bill, if enacted, would allow same-day voter registration. | (No earlier than 2021) |
| Absentee voting by mail**  
Currently, a voter may only vote by mail (via an absentee ballot) if they will knowingly be out of town or ill on Election Day | This bill, if enacted, would remove the current restrictions and allow all voters the option of voting by mail for any reason. | (No earlier than 2021) |

**There is no change in the absentee voting by mail process in 2019 or 2020**

For more information, go to the Board of Legislators’ website: [www.westchesterlegislators.com](http://www.westchesterlegislators.com) or call (914) 995-2800  
For more information on voting and elections, go to the Board of Elections’ website: [www.westchestergov.com/boe](http://www.westchestergov.com/boe) or call (914) 995-5700
WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE AN ELECTION INSPECTOR?

Westchester County is in need of election inspectors willing to work at various polling sites on Election Day.

We are especially in need of poll inspectors who are proficient in both English and Spanish.

**Election inspector requirements**

- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Must be registered to vote in the County of Westchester
- Hours are from 5:30 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.

**Election inspectors are always needed**

We are always looking for individuals to work as election inspectors. Election inspectors receive $225 for working on Election Day, plus $25 to attend each training class. To qualify you must:

- Be a registered voter
- Be a resident of Westchester County
- Attend two training classes

If you are interested in becoming an election inspector, contact:

- Ericka Sterling, Democrat, by phone at (914) 995-8568 or by e-mail at ems2@westchestergov.com
- Jonathan Cannella, Republican, by phone at (914) 995-8563 or by e-mail at jqce@westchestergov.com