



Election & Registration Info

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Recent Laws
Regarding



Elections

Pre-Registration of 16 and 17 year olds



- **Effective Jan 1, 2020**
- **16 and 17 year olds may register to vote.**
- **They will be able to vote in the election following their 18th birthday.**

State-wide Voter Registration Transfer

Effective immediately

For moves within the state, your registration will follow you to your new location

Complete an affidavit ballot at your new poll site if you don't show up on the poll books or e-poll books.

Early Voting

- County must have one early voting site for every 50,000 voters
- Must begin 10 days before the election
- Must include one weekend
- Must include some evening hours.
- Became Effective November 5, 2019

**Early Voting is available for all
Elections, including the
Presidential Primary**

**<https://elections.ny.gov/>
for all election info**



Presidential Primary & Election Dates in 2024

Last Day to change your Party Registration: Feb 14

**Early Voting Dates: March 23 through March 30,
hours vary**

Last day to register for the Primary Election: March 23
(Cannot be used to change your party if currently
registered)

Last day to apply in person for an absentee ballot: April 1

**Last day to return an absentee ballot in person (or to
postmark it): April 2**

Presidential Primary: Tuesday, April 2

Polls are open 6am-9pm

**Board of Elections Building: 1st Floor, 50 W. High St.,
Ballston Spa will be one of the early voting sites –
Others to be announced.**

Generic Election Calendar

**Last Day to change your Party
Registration: Feb 14**

**Presidential Primary: First Tuesday in
April (every 4 years)**

**Primary for state and local offices, and
for US Congress and Senate:
Last Tuesday in June**

Election Day: First Tuesday of November

**Early Voting: Begins 11 days before the
election and ends on the 2nd day before
the election. Includes weekends and
some evening hours**

**New !
beginning in 2024**

**Early Voting
by Mail**

Ballot

Get Your Mail in Ballot:

<https://elections.ny.gov/request-ballot>

This early voting method is being challenged in the courts. Read about it here:

<https://news.bloomberglaw.com/litigation/ny-mail-voting-law-will-be-in-effect-for-santos-special-election>

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**Most Local
Elections are
being moved to
even years**

The change does not apply to city or village elections, and races for county clerk, sheriff, district attorneys, local judges and others protected in the state Constitution to be held in odd-numbered years.

This will likely be challenged in the courts. Read about it here:

<https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/central-ny/news/2023/12/22/hochul-signs-bill-moving-many-local-elections-to-even-numbered-years>

Primary Consolidation

Combines
State and
Congressional
Primaries on
the same day

Became
effective June
25, 2019

Occurs on the
4th Tuesday in
June

Presidential
Primary still
occurs in April

Electronic Poll Books

- **Instead of relying on paper-based voter rolls, counties will now be able to use electronic poll books on Election Day.**
- **Electronic poll books have already proven to save voters time at poll sites, increase the accuracy of voter rolls, and save election administrators money over the years.**
- **They will also be critical for implementing early voting in November.**

Online Voter Registration

Started in 2023

New York voters are able to register to vote online through the State Board of Elections website.

NYS Constitutional Amendment Process

- Must be passed in two consecutive legislative sessions
- Each legislative session is 2 years in length and starts on January 1 of an odd numbered year.
- Following passage in 2 legislative sessions the proposed Constitutional Amendment must be passed by the voters in a general election.

Resources

- www.lwvny.org
- <https://elections.ny.gov/>
- <https://www.saratogacountyny.gov/departments/board-of-elections/>