



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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SENATE APPROVES SENATOR ANDREA STEWART-COUSINS' ELECTION REFORM BILL -- Measure to Ensure Every Vote Gets Counted

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State Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins (D/WF – 35th District) announced today that her legislation, Senate bill 2443-B, was unanimously approved by the Senate during yesterday's Special Senate Session. The bill, requires polling places to have on hand the information necessary to direct voters to their proper voting places.

“Far too many people have not had their vote count because they simply didn't know the proper location of their polling place,” stated Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins. “This legislation provides a common sense solution to this problem and ensures that these individuals are not disenfranchised.”

The provisions of Senate bill 2443-B specifically require a poll clerk or election inspector to consult a map, street finder or other description of all of the polling places in the election districts within the county in which the election district is located.

“Truly responsible elections and government can only be achieved when every voter can exercise their right to vote. This bill helps to achieve that important goal,” concluded Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins.

The companion bill passed the Assembly on June 15th. The measure will be forwarded to the Governor for his approval.