

2018 Annual Report

New York State Senate Standing Committee on Elections



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December 21, 2018

Honorable John Flanagan
Majority Leader New York State Senate
Room 330, New York State Capitol
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Dear Senator Flanagan:

I am pleased to submit to you the 2018 Annual Report of the New York State Senate Standing Committee on Elections.

The New York State Senate Standing Committee on Elections conducted three committee meetings during the 2018 legislative session. At these committee meetings, twenty-eight pieces of legislation were reported out of committee.

The Senate Standing Committee on Elections and the Senate Standing Committee on Crime Victims, Crime and Correction also held a public hearing to examine the state's current parole policies and Executive Order 181 allowing conditional pardons that enable parolees to vote.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the members of the Senate Standing Committee on Elections for their hard work and dedication in 2018.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred Akshar II".

Senator Fred Akshar
Chairman, Senate Elections Committee

The New York State Senate Standing Committee on Elections conducted three committee meetings during the 2018 legislative session. At these committee meetings, 28 pieces of legislation were reported out of committee. The dates of the committee meetings are as follows:

Monday, February 12, 2018 at 1:00 pm, in Room 804 LOB

S.1115A Akshar

Relates to primary elections and the timely transmission of ballots to military voters stationed overseas

Advanced to 3rd Reading

S.2791 Akshar/A.1949 Mayer

Adds an optional section to voter registration forms to allow for email addresses

Advanced to 3rd Reading

S.4757 Griffo/A.8392 Lentol

Provides that the text to be used in a proposed amendment, proposition or question to be submitted to the people for approval shall be in the legislation proposing such amendment; repealer

Passed Senate

S.5991A Bonacic/A.7490 Gunther

Makes technical corrections to references to the office for people with developmental disabilities

Advanced to 3rd Reading

S.1034B Carlucci /A.2774A Galef

Relates to mandatory training for treasurers of political committees

Advanced to 3rd Reading

S.1145 Funke/A.8800 Thiele

Relates to authorizing registration records of victims of sexual violence to be kept confidential in certain cases

Passed Senate

S.2793 Akshar/A.16 Cahill

Relates to election inspectors at poll sites

Advanced to 3rd Reading

S.223 Golden/A.3904 Colton

Requires the board of elections to provide Russian interpreters at certain polling locations in N.Y. city

Passed Senate

Monday, April 30, 2018 at 4:00, in Room 804 LOB

S.918A Croci

Prohibits certain loans to be made to candidates or political committees

Advanced to 3rd Reading

S.2097 Murphy/A.5829 Byrne

Relates to penalties for unlawful campaign contributions to county or town committees

Advanced to 3rd Reading

S.2787A Akshar/A.2789 Paulin

Relates to filing of papers

Advanced to 3rd Reading

S.2792 Akshar

Removes the requirement that party emblems be included in ballot design

Advanced to 3rd Reading

S.2794 Akshar/A.5576 Cusick

Increases the number of registrants an election district may contain with the approval of the county board of elections

Advanced to 3rd Reading

S.2976 LaValle/A.11052 Thiele

Relates to military voters and ballots for certain elections

Advanced to 3rd Reading

S.3309A Lanza/A.10844 Simon

Relates to instant run-off elections in N.Y. city; repealer

Advanced to 3rd Reading

S.3700 Comrie/ A.2520 Ortiz

Directs the Queens county board of elections to provide language assistance in Bengali, Punjabi, and Hindi

Reported and Committed to Finance

S.3869 Comrie/A.5506 Weprin

Directs the Queens county board of elections to provide language assistance in Bengali, Punjabi, and Hindi

Advanced to 3rd Reading

S.6434 Akshar/A.7383 Buchwald

Relates to alternative provisions for poll site staffing

Advanced to 3rd Reading

Monday, June 4, 2018 at 12:30 pm, in Room 804 LOB

The following bills were placed on this agenda pursuant to Senate Rule VIII, §2(e) - Motion for Committee Consideration: S26, S3304A, S7149, S7400A.

S.26 Hoylman/A.4072 Fahy

Enacts the "tax returns uniformly made public act"

Reported and Committed to Rules

S.3304 Gianaris

Enacts the voter empowerment act of New York

Reported and Committed to Rules

S.4322 Tedisco

Requires propositions authorizing creation of a state debt to contain an estimate of the debt service payable and publish an explanation thereof

Reported and Committed to Rules

S.4786 Griffo

Provides that absentee ballots for all elections shall be made available in Braille, upon request of a blind or visually impaired voter

Reported and Committed to Rules

S.7149 Kavanagh/A.9758A Simon

Relates to political contributions by limited liability companies

Reported and Committed to Rules

S.7394 Marchione/ A.9048 Abinanti

Allows election commissioners flexibility to designate how many election inspectors are needed at poll sites

Reported and Committed to Rules

S.7400A Kavanagh

Relates to establishing early voting and the New York state early voting fund

Reported and Committed to Rules

S.8371 Akshar

Relates to the publication of certified copies of election results

Reported and Committed to Rules

S.8372 Akshar

Relates to the publication of certified copies of election results

Reported and Committed to Rules

S.8373 Akshar

Relates to the operating hours of the board of elections

Reported and Committed to Rules