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The Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins
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Dear Senator Stewart-Cousins:

I am pleased to transmit the Annual Report of the Senate's Standing Committee on Elections for the 2022 Legislative Session. As Chairman, I am proud to continue to lead our efforts to address important matters under my committee's jurisdiction.

During the 2022 session, this committee met four times in session and reported 43 bills.

I thank my colleagues who served on the Committee for their efforts and support of the work that was done in the Committee this year, and I thank you for the continued support from the Majority Conference in the Committee's operations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Zellnor Y. Myrie".

Senator Zellnor Y. Myrie
20th Senatorial District

2022 LEGISLATIVE SESSION REPORT
NEW YORK STATE SENATE
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS

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Committee Members

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COMMITTEE JURISDICTION AND OVERVIEW

The New York State Senate Standing Committee on Elections has legislative oversight responsibilities for issues concerning election security, voter registration, and State of Board Elections practices and procedures.

During the 2022 Legislative Session, 243 bills were referred to the Committee for its review. Of these bills, 43 were reported from the Committee. 42 were passed by the Senate, and 14 passed in both houses. This work was conducted through a series of four committee meetings. A list of all bills that were reported from the committee is provided at the end of this report.

COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

The following key bills were acted on by the committee in 2022:

Bill	Sponsor	Summary	Action
S284C	MYRIE	Requires counting affidavit ballots of eligible voters if a voter appears at a polling place in the correct county but in the incorrect election district	SIGNED CHAP.661
S286A	MYRIE	Relates to availability of electronic ballot images	PASSED SENATE
S1046E	MYRIE	Relates to the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act of New York	SIGNED CHAP.226
S4413	MAY	Relates to specification of objections to designating petitions, independent nominating petitions, certificates of nomination or ballot access documents	On the Governor's Desk
S4542A	MAYER	Prohibits conflicts of interest among board of elections employees	PASSED SENATE
S4658	PARKER	Makes provisions regarding the designation of polling places on college campuses	PASSED SENATE
S5800	COMRIE	Relates to mandatory training curriculum for poll workers	PASSED SENATE
S6226E	KRUEGER	Relates to the exercise of powers and duties of the board of elections of the city of New York and its executive management	PASSED SENATE
S6684	MANNION	Establishes minimum staffing levels for local board of elections	PASSED SENATE
S7442	MYRIE	Prohibits election commissioners and deputy commissioners from holding a publicly elected office	PASSED SENATE

TWO HOUSE BILLS

In 2022, 14 of the 226 bills referred to the Standing Committee on Elections passed both houses of the Legislature. Of these bills, the Governor has signed 12 and vetoed 0. In addition, two bills remain to be acted on by the Governor.

Bill	Sponsor	Summary	Action
S156	THOMAS	Relates to prohibiting private individuals or entities to pay for the administrative expenses associated with the conduct of a referendum	signed chap.508
S253	MYRIE	Relates to ballots where the express intent of the voter is unambiguous	SIGNED CHAP.228
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S1851A	SKOUFIS	Relates to state party names; repealer	SIGNED CHAP.671
S2951A	KAVANAGH	Reduces the time for mailing and receipt of registration application to constitutional minimum	On the Governor's Desk
S3855A	KENNEDY	Relates to authorizing registration records of victims of sexual violence to be kept confidential in certain cases	signed chap.575
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S4591A	SKOUFIS	Relates to the accessibility of congressional, senatorial, assembly and election district maps	signed chap.644
S6901B	MYRIE	Includes individuals who do not identify exclusively as a binary gender in eligibility for party positions	signed chap.231

S7565B	BIAGGI	Provides for absentee voting in village elections and extends provisions relating to absentee voting	SIGNED CHAP.2
S8409A	KENNEDY	Reduces the signature requirement for petitions for candidates for the school board of the city of Buffalo	signed chap.495
S8552	MYRIE	Requires the board of elections to mail notice of ensuing primary and general elections and registration information to active voters between the third Tuesday in April and the second Friday in May each year	signed chap.175
S9343	SEPULVEDA	Repeals certain provisions relating to absentee voting in primary elections for certain party positions	signed chap.525

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

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S118	KAPLAN	Establishes the misdemeanor of interfering in the election process by electronic means	PASSED SENATE
S156	Thomas	Relates to prohibiting private individuals or entities to pay for the administrative expenses associated with the conduct of a referendum	signed chap.508
S215	MAYER	Requires that subpoenas relating to election matters be served with a separate informational sheet that summarizes why the subpoena has been issued	PASSED SENATE
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S309B	MYRIE	Relates to construction of voting machines and systems	PASSED SENATE
S424A	HOYLMAN	Relates to split shifts for election inspectors or poll clerks	PASSED SENATE
S483A	MYRIE	Relates to government vendor contributions	PASSED SENATE
S492	MYRIE	Authorizes boards of elections to establish absentee ballot drop-off locations	PASSED SENATE

S557	MAY	Establishes portable polling locations for early voting	PASSED SENATE
S823A	KRUEGER	Increases compensation of election inspectors to \$300 and coordinators to \$350 in New York city	PASSED SENATE
S1032	STEWART-COUSINS	Prohibits deceptive practices and the suppression of voters, and increases penalties for violations of the elective franchise	PASSED SENATE
S1039	KRUEGER	Relates to designating early polling places	PASSED SENATE
S1046E	MYRIE	Relates to the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act of New York	SIGNED CHAP.226
S1126B	GIANARIS	Enacts the democracy preservation act	PASSED SENATE
S1283	KAMINSKY	Relates to the order in which candidates appear on the ballot	PASSED SENATE
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S5800B	COMRIE	Relates to mandatory training curriculum for poll workers	PASSED SENATE
S6211	REICHLIN-MELNICK	Relates to the examination of voting machines by the state board of elections	PASSED SENATE
S6214	MYRIE	Provides that a voter may register to vote at any residence to which the voter maintains a continuous connection with an intent to return	PASSED SENATE
S6226E	KRUEGER	Relates to the exercise of powers and duties of the board of elections of the city of New York and its executive management	PASSED SENATE
S6684A	MANNION	Establishes minimum staffing levels for local board of elections	PASSED SENATE
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S7382A	MYRIE	Relates to furnishing money or entertainment to induce attendance at polls	PASSED SENATE
S7442	MYRIE	Prohibits election commissioners and deputy commissioners from holding a publicly elected office	PASSED SENATE
S7565B	BIAGGI	Provides for absentee voting in village elections and extends provisions relating to absentee voting	SIGNED CHAP.2
S8202	MYRIE	Regulates public data maintained by county and city boards of elections and establishes the New York voting and elections database and institute to maintain a statewide database of voting and election data	PASSED SENATE
S8289	GAUGHRAN	Requires a public hearing prior to the appointment of election commissioners	PASSED SENATE
S8292	MANNION	Requires a commissioner to meet certain qualifications before his or her appointment	PASSED SENATE
S8311	MAYER	Makes commissioners full time employees of the board	PASSED SENATE

S8337	MAY	Relates to the removal of an election commissioner	PASSED SENATE
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S8957A	MYRIE	Makes technical corrections regarding the public financing of elections; repealer	RECOMMITTED TO RULES
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