

## Election Commission Comments

We need voting set districts by independent commissions not influenced by politicians. It is time for gerrymandering to be stopped. In Onondaga County despite the Democrats outnumbering Republicans in registrations our county legislature has been controlled overwhelmingly by Republicans because of gerrymandering. Neither party should have the ability to tip the scales in their favor for 10 years at a time.

Other states have several approaches to voting that need to be considered for New York in the modern era.

1. The process of registering is too cumbersome. Universal voter registration would give every citizen the opportunity to vote.
2. Universal voting by mail would make it easier for voters who have impediments either physical or availability restrictions. If your job or transportation is an impediment, mail voting would be an incentive for everyone to participate.
3. Early voting should be available widely and cover all areas. Politicians should not be allowed to limit the early voting sites to tip votes in their favor, such as avoiding areas with a high concentration of students or selective groups.