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## 2023 Legislative Proposals for the NYS Election Commissioners Association

- Properly fund the New York State Board of Elections and give the NYSBOE proper authority to promulgate and act upon the goals and responsibilities given to it by state law
- Designation of Election Day as a non-attendance day for public school students
- Grant county commissioners independence and flexibility with respect to determining hours of operation
- Authorize the issuing of same-day absentee ballots in those instance when commissioners agree that health-related exigencies on or immediately prior to Election Day create hardship
- Reduce the threshold for triggering recounts in close elections to .25% and allow for alternative scan within the .25-50% range, while also reducing the minimum vote threshold to 10
- Encourage legislation denoting that all public offices within the state of New York be referred to in gender neutral terms on Primary and General election ballots
- Altering the highest municipality early voting law to lower the highest city threshold to at least 10,000 voters
- Capital funding for replacing of older voting equipment and reimburse any county that has replaced their voting fleet since January 2019.
- Dedicated funding for voter outreach for media campaigns
- Mandate the hand recount start after the recanvass of the election at a date to be determined by the New York State Board of Elections



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- Allow for Vote Centers on Election Day as well as Early Voting on a permissive basis.
- Allow for flexibility for designating non-enrolled inspectors to serve as Republican or Democratic inspectors.
- Cures should have a final received by date to allow for proper certification of our election on the last day of certification.
- Exempt all party position contests from the manual hand count.
- To meet the needs of our modern political calendar we propose the following reforms to Board of Election Offices to be passed as a singular package by the NYS Legislature.
  - Four-year terms for all boards of elections commissioners beginning the year after the gubernatorial election
  - Minimum staffing requirements set by the State Board of Elections for full time permanent employees for each Board of Election.
  - Require all Commissioners in New York outside of the City of New York to be full time commissioners with salaries set based on a metric of County department heads within the host county, to be determined by the New York State Board of Elections.