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Operations Update

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Early Voting Changes

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- **Number of Sites**
  - For counties with 500,000 or more registered voters, you must designate one early voting location for each full increment of 40,000 voters *(no cap)*.
  - For counties under 500,000 registered voters, you must designate one early voting location for each full increment of 30,000 voters *(cap of 10)*.
- **Location of Sites**
  - Must locate an early voting site in the largest city in the county or, if there is no city in the county, the municipality with the highest population.
  - For any special, primary or run-off primary election, when no voters of the highest population municipality are eligible to vote, the board of elections may instead designate a polling place for early voting in the municipality with the highest population within the county within which the voters are eligible to vote at such election.

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- **Additional Hours of Early Voting**
  - Polls shall be open for early voting for at least **eight** hours between nine o'clock in the morning and **eight** o'clock in the evening on each Saturday, Sunday and legal holiday during the early voting period *(previously five hours and six o'clock)*.

Ballot Design

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- **General Reminders**
  - Use only Sans Serif fonts
  - Text shall be printed flush left
  - All text shall be printed using standard capitalization, do not use all caps anywhere on the ballot
  - If used, shading is to be used consistently
- **Multiple Languages**
  - All ballots are to contain English and no more than two additional languages
  - No Spanish-Only ballots

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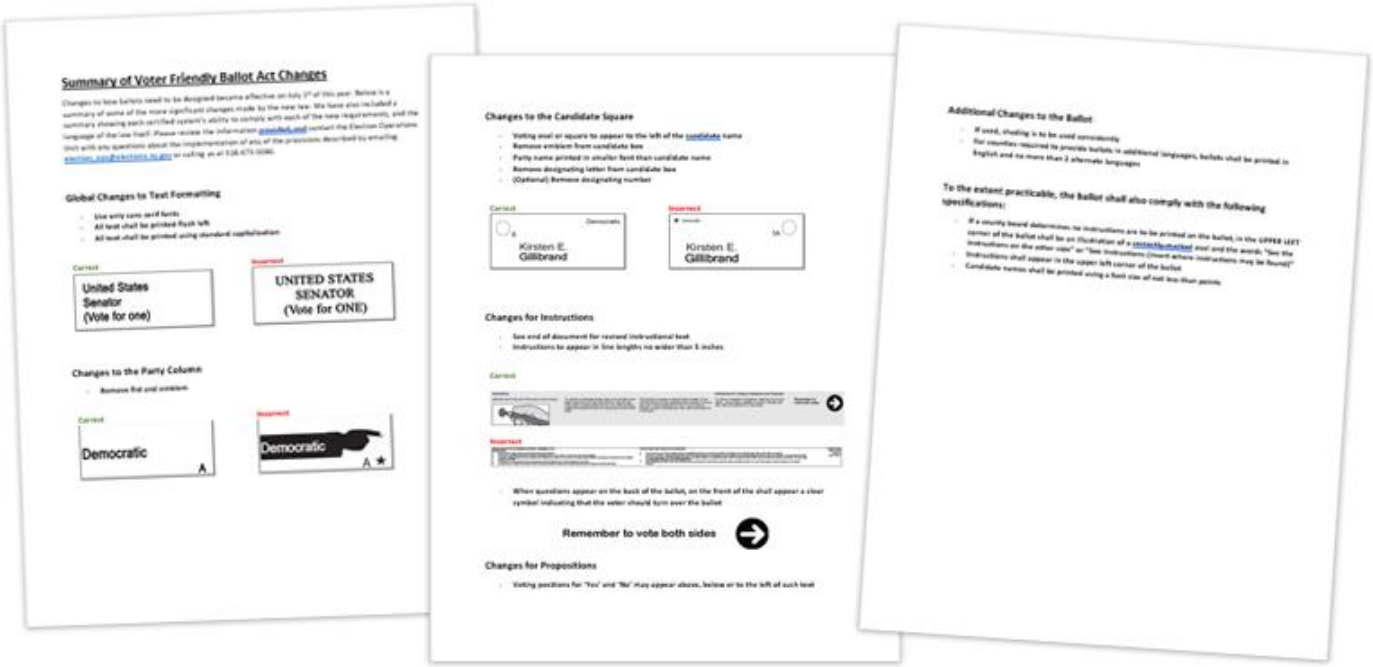

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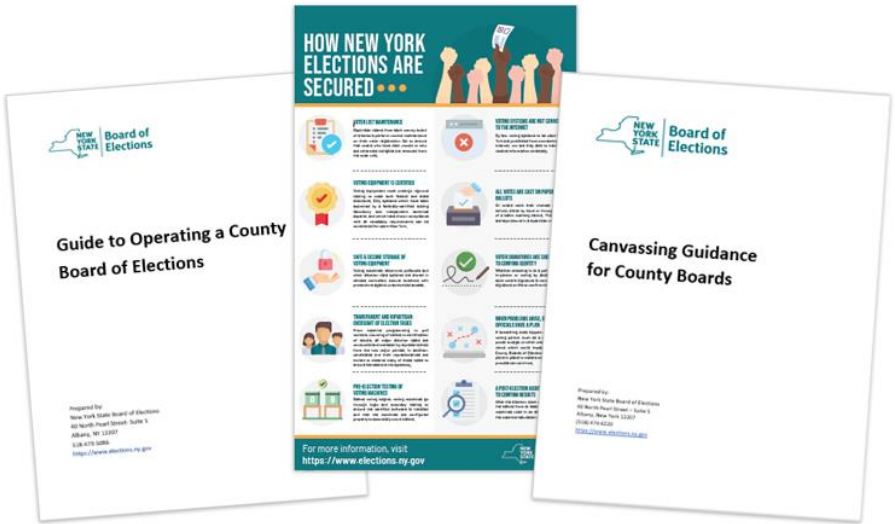

- **Updating existing and creating guides and resources for counties to use**
  - Guide to Running a Board of Elections
  - Early Voting Guide
  - Canvassing Guide
  - Election Security Infographic
  - More to come!

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Guides, Resources, Trainings & Visits

- **Multiple Units at the State Board Have Need to Visit CBOEs**
  - Operations
  - PIO/NVRA
  - Secure Elections
- **Working to consolidate, streamline and cross-train staff to allow for each visit to serve multiple purposes where possible.**
- **Also working on a similar process for information requests**

Electronic Poll Book Update

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- **March 11th – Deadline for submission of new configurations**
  - Expecting a submission from all three approved vendors.
  - Expect to have testing complete and any approvals finalized no later than 45 days before the June Primary.
- **Reminder about new workflow for absentee voters**
  - Information must be exported out of your voter registration systems so that it is indicated when a voter has been issues an absentee ballot.
  - Any such voter showing up at the poll site will no longer be allowed to vote on a machine. Instead, they will only have the ability to vote by affidavit ballot (no court order option).

Voting Systems Update

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- **There are a lot of systems being submitted for certification!**
  - Dominion
  - Hart
  - Clear Ballot
    - Modification
    - Full System
  - ES&S
  - Democracy Live

Early Canvass

Early Canvass

- **Guidance is being finalized by the State Board**
  - Will be distributed to counties shortly
  - Will be effective as of April 1st
  - Changes the way absentee ballots are processed and when they can be canvassed
  - Changes timelines for data match and affidavit canvassing
  - Changes procedures for splits
  - Creates a post-election review of invalid ballots

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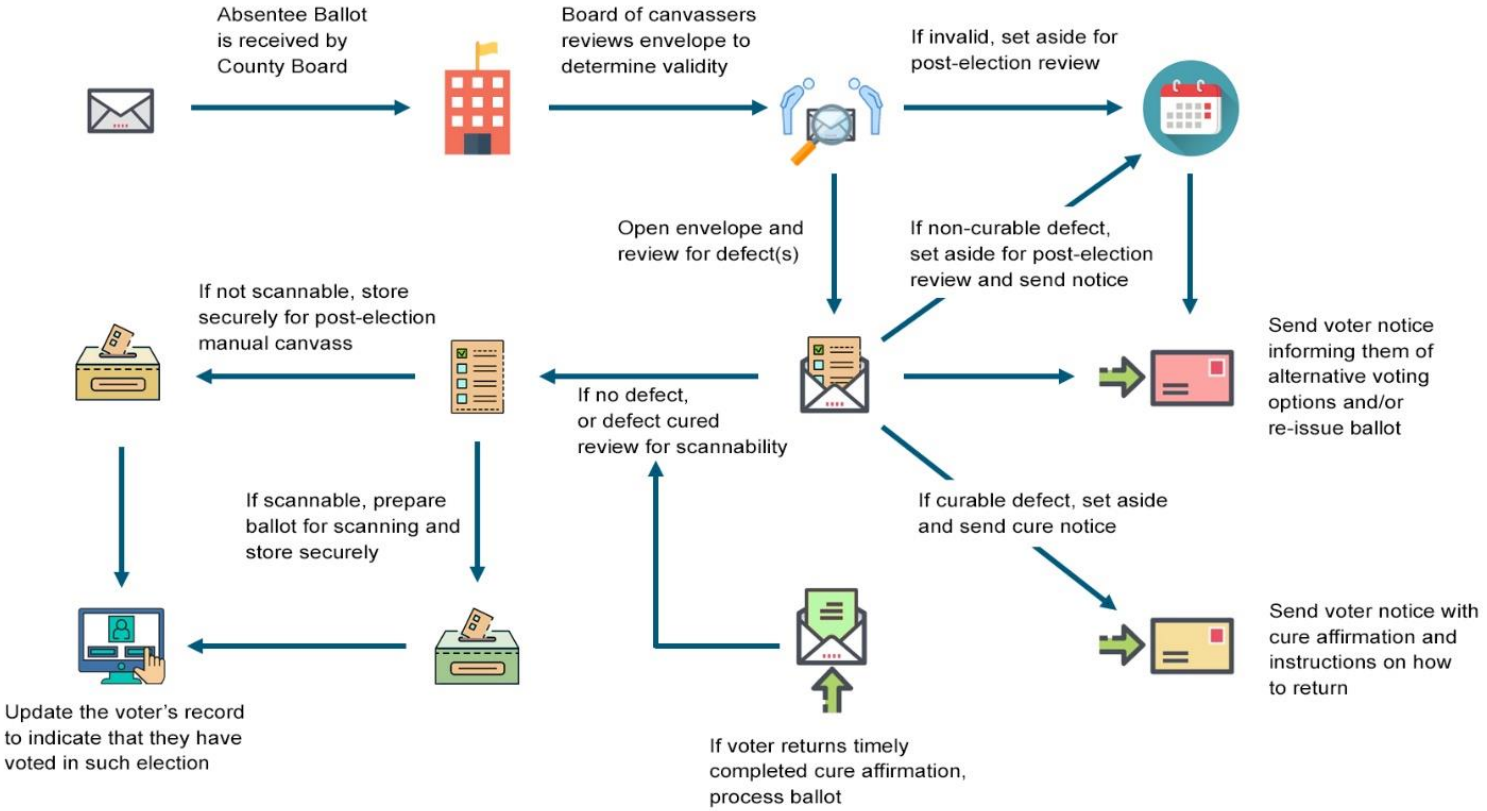

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Early Canvass

- **Main components**
  - Absentee ballots must be processed on a continual basis
    - Before Election Day – with 4 days of receipt
    - On or after Election Day – with 1 day of receipt
    - No more 3-day set aside
    - No Manual Canvassing until after the election
  - Processed absentee ballots will be scanned on two occasions prior to Election Day
    - On the day before the first day of Early Voting
    - After the close of polls on the last day of Early Voting

Early Canvass

- **Main components** *(continued)*
  - Results from scanned absentee ballots must be included in your unofficial Election Night results
  - Statewide data match timeline – data will be needed from each board within 3 days after the election
  - Additional audit of scanners
    - Will now need to perform a 3% audit on the scanners used for pre-Election Day scanning of absentee, in addition to the 3% audit on scanners used for post-Election Day scanning of absentee ballots

Early Canvass

- **Main components** *(continued)*
  - Canvass of affidavit ballots – 4 business days after Election Day
  - Post-Election Review of Invalid/Set-Aside Ballots – also 4 business days
  - Cure procedures apply throughout
  - Information needs to be updated for both absentee and affidavit ballots in online tracker

Absentee Tracker

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- The State Board will be developing an online tracker portal to provide voters with information as to the status of their absentee or affidavit ballot.
- Effective April 1st.
- Working with homegrown counties and voter registration vendors to capture the necessary information and provide it to the State.

Absentee Tracker

- Information to be Captured
  - Whether a voter has submitted an absentee ballot request
  - Whether application was approved or rejected. If rejected, also reason why
  - Date ballot mailed and expected delivery date
  - If ballot was returned undeliverable
  - Date returned ballot received
  - Whether a voter's returned ballot has a curable defect
  - Whether absentee ballot was counted or rejected. If rejected, a brief statement why

  - If a voter voted affidavit
  - Whether a voter's affidavit ballot was counted or rejected
  - Whether a voter's affidavit ballot has a curable defect

Accessible Absentee

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- **Changes for the short-term**
  - For the June 28, 2022 election and elections held thereafter, oath envelopes must include tactile markers designating where the voter should sign.
  - However, CBOEs are instructed to accept signatures anywhere on the envelope.
- **Changes for the long-term**
  - The State Board will be working on procuring a statewide portal to be used by counties and voters needing to access an accessible absentee ballot.
  - How it will work.

Voter Registration Systems

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- **Changes Part 6217.3 of our Regulations were recently adopted**
  - Every county voter registration system must be approved by the State Board to ensure it continually meets the promulgated functional, technical and security specifications.
  - Applies immediately to all new vendors seeking approval.
  - Are reviewing existing system to ensure compliance.
  - Currently have one new vendor who has been approved, with 2 more who have reach out with interest in submitting their system for review.

Questions?