

POST BUDGET



A photograph of the New York State Capitol building in Albany, New York. The building is a grand, multi-story structure with a central gabled roof and two prominent red-tiled towers on either side. The facade is light-colored with numerous arched windows and decorative elements. A flagpole with the New York State flag is visible on the right side of the building. The foreground shows a paved plaza with some trees and a few people walking.

OUR NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE

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Two house system: Assembly and Senate

- **New York State Assembly**
 - 150 Members
 - Super majority of Democrats (more than 2/3 of members)
 - Leader of Assembly is Speaker
 - **Assembly Speaker is Carl Heastie (District 83, Bronx)**

- **New York State Senate**
 - 63 Members
 - Now have supermajority - 42 of 63 members are Democrats
 - Senate Majority Leader also referred to as president pro tempore
 - **Andrea Stewart Cousins is new Democratic Majority Leader (District 35, Westchester)**

****Both Houses now have a supermajority of Democrats***





LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

COMPLETED ISSUES

Restoration of Voting Rights for People on Parole

Funding for Early Voting

Funding for Other New Voting Programs

Funding for the Redistricting Commission

Clean Air and Water Amendment

Safe Staffing

NEWLY ACCOMPLISHED!

1

Same Day Voter
Registration

S517 (Gianaris)/A502
(Carroll):

2

No-Excuse
Absentee Voting

S360
(Comrie)/A4431
(Vanel)



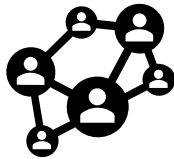
POST BUDGET ISSUES

POST BUDGET LEGISLATIVE ISSUES



- **Voting and Elections**

- Absentee Voting Modernization
- Election Transparency & Enfranchisement
- Constitutional Amendment



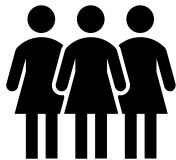
- **Government Ethics**

- Joint Commission on Public Ethics (JCOPE) Reform



- **Health Care**

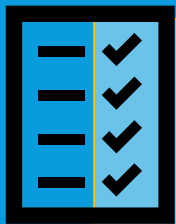
- New York Health Act
- Medical Aid in Dying



- **Women's Issues**

- Salary Range Transparency

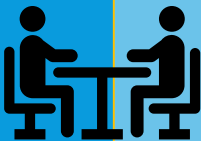
ABSENTEE VOTING REFORMS



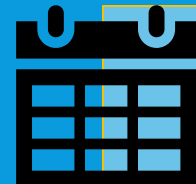
Ballot Disqualification:
S253 (Myrie)/A1144 (Paulin)



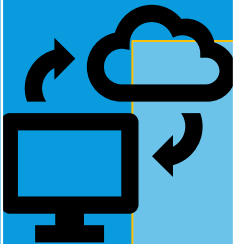
Ballot Dropbox:
S492 (Hoylman)/A4128A (Gottfried):



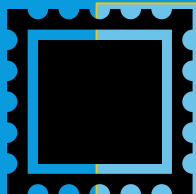
Ballot Counting:
S516 (Gianaris);
S1027 (Gianaris)



Ballot Request Timeline:
S631 (Salazar);
S632 (Jackson)/A4564 (Bichotte
Hermelyn):



Ballot Tracking:
S1028 (Comrie)



Prepaid Postage:
S909 (Sanders)/A1044 (Dinowitz):

ELECTION TRANSPARENCY & ENFRANCHISEMENT

Right Church Wrong Pew

- S284A (Myrie)/Ao624A (Carroll)

Ballot Transparency

- S286A (Myrie)/Ao6589A (Galef)

VOTING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act

- S1046A (Myrie)/A6678
(Walker)

JOINT COMMISSION ON PUBLIC ETHICS (JCOPE) REFORM

Independence

- Current structure of JCOPE lacks true independence from Legislature and Governor.

Transparency

- Need for greater transparency in reporting.

Enforcement

- Need for stronger enforcement power.

Legislative Hearings

- League is calling for hearings on JCOPE reform measures.

JOINT COMMISSION ON PUBLIC ETHICS (JCOPE) REFORM

Voting
Structure

- A.6611 (Hyndman)/ S.5254-A (Biaggi)

NY HEALTH ACT — A6058/S5474

Guaranteed & Universal

- A bill to **make healthcare a right for all New Yorkers** by creating a universal, single-payer health care program in New York, birth to death

Comprehensive

- **All essential healthcare services**, physical and behavioral, including vision, dental, hearing, prescriptions, long-term care, preventive care, health education

Affordable & Equitable

- **Eliminates all financial barriers to access** (no premiums, co-pays, deductibles) — losing your job won't lose your healthcare
- Pays providers fairly: rich/poor, urban/rural
- Regional oversight ensures meeting state-wide needs fairly

Financially Feasible & Accountable

- Financed by progressive taxes and established federal financing
- Economic analyses project 4% first-year savings, with more over time
- Coverage and payments subject to public oversight

Good for NYS Economy

- 200,000 new jobs created — mainly new small businesses (RAND)
- No "Job-Lock" — where people stay in jobs only for healthcare
- 90% of New Yorkers will save money — stimulating the economy
- Local gov'ts will save ≈20% of local budgets from HC savings

TOOLS FOR NY HEALTH ACT — A6058/S5474

Find Your Representatives

- Complete [list of co-sponsors and non-yet sponsors](#) provided
- with contact information and social media info

Thank you's & Please supports

- **A majority of each chamber has signed on as co-sponsors (meaning their names are on the text of the bill)**
- If your representative is a co-sponsor — begin with thank you
- If your representative is not yet a supporter, ask for their support

Emails & Calls & Tweets

- Sample scripts provided
- Sample Tweets provided
- More ideas at Campaign for NY Health <https://www.NYHCampaign.org/>

Plan Your Lobbying Session

- Think about the **PERSONAL** reasons you support this bill
- Your experience(s) with the (broken) current system (based on profit)
- Your concerns about what the pandemic has revealed (job-based HC)
- Your hopes for improved equity in healthcare —better public health

MEDICAL AID IN DYING

**A4321a
(Paulin)/S6471
(Savino)**

30 LWVNY Leagues studied Death with Dignity in 2017-2018 and adopted this position:

1. The League of Women Voters of New York State believes state laws should grant the option for a terminally ill person to request medical assistance from a relevant, licensed physician to end one's life.

2. The League of Women Voters believes such legislation should include safeguards against abuse of the dying and protections for medical personnel who act in good faith compliance with the law.

MEDICAL AID IN DYING

The Proposed Medical Aid in Dying Bill:

- Is based on the 20 year old Oregon Law
- Requires 2 physicians to say that the patient is within 6 months of death
- Requires 2 physicians to say the patient is competent to make the decision
- Requires the patient to be able to self-administer the medication
- Requires that the patient request the medication orally and in writing
- Lays out the things the physician must document to comply with the law
- Requires that at least one witness to the request must be someone who will not inherit from the patient or otherwise financially benefit.

MEDICAL AID IN DYING

Lobbying for the bill:

Send a personal LTE to a local newspaper telling the story of someone you cared about who suffered at the end of their life

Have your League send the sample LTE to your local newspapers

Post a picture of the person who died a difficult or terrible death and tell the story – on Facebook

Tweet your story or a link to a story or just your support for Medical Aid in Dying at your representatives, at Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Speaker Carl Heastie

Call your representatives with your support for the bills or write a personal email

WOMEN'S ISSUES: SALARY RANGE TRANSPARENCY:

This bill requires
employers to

Disclose in writing or electronically the
salary or range of range of compensation
and benefits for job openings

To disclose those things to a current
employee at the time of hire or
upon request

Creates a private right of action

Allow any member of the public
to report a violation to the DOL

Prohibit retaliation

S5598a (Ramos)/

A6529 (Joyner)

WOMEN'S ISSUES: SALARY RANGE TRANSPARENCY

Saves time for
employers and
employees

Enables prospective
employees (especially
women and people of
color) to negotiate
more effectively

Limits litigation fears
for employers

Diminishes overt and
implicit bias

Lobbying ask: become
a sponsor of the bill
Updated MOS in the
packet

A blurred background image showing a person's hands writing on a document at a desk. There are laptops and tablets visible, suggesting a remote work environment. The text "LOBBYING WHILE REMOTE" is overlaid in the center in a blue, sans-serif font.

LOBBYING WHILE REMOTE

TIPS FOR REMOTE LOBBY MEETINGS:

Be prepared to submit an email meeting request

Meeting may be Zoom, Webex, or via conference line

Email copies of advocacy documents after meetings

TIPS FOR MEETING REMOTELY:

Assigning Roles

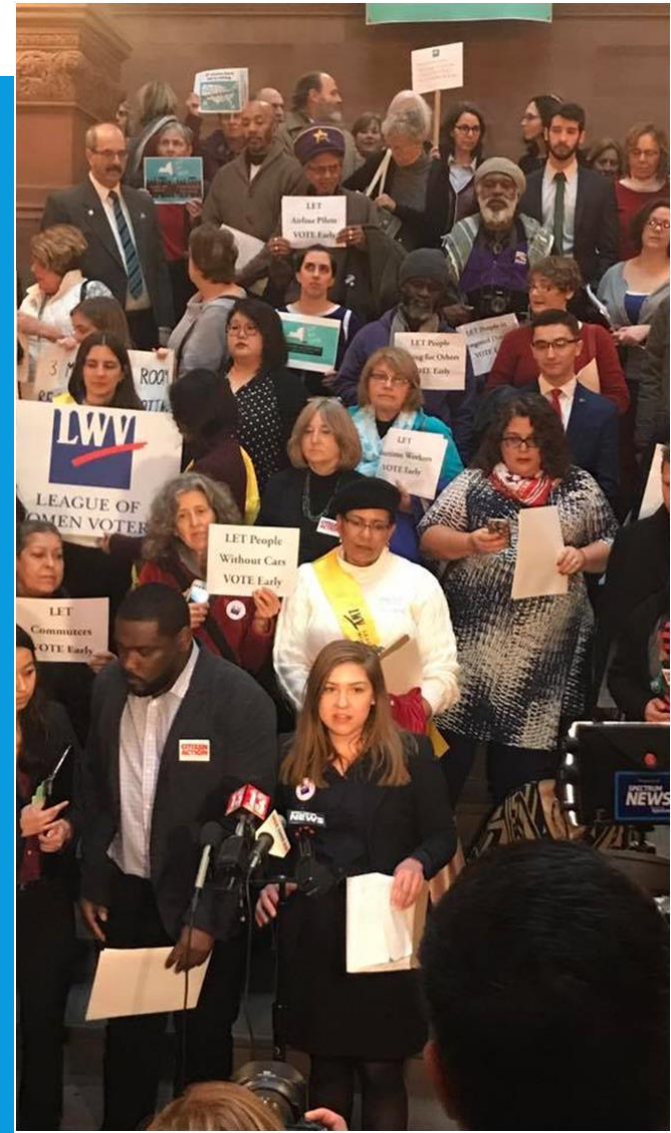
- Select a “researcher”, note taker, & leader/moderator

Follow Up

- Send advocacy documents via email
- Don't forget to send a thank you!

ADDITIONAL WAYS TO STAY INVOLVED WHILE REMOTE

- Weekly Legislative Emails every Friday during session.
- Real time updates and action alerts on Facebook and Twitter.
- Remote lobbying packets for the budget and post budget.
- Updates on upcoming remote events, rallies, and lobby days from our partner organizations.
- Member wide webinars updating on legislative action.



THANK YOU!

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