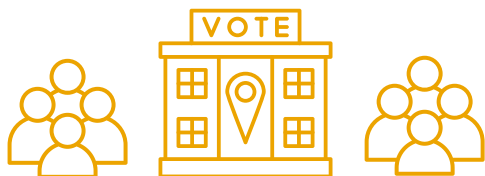


ELECTION SECURITY

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED HOW NEW YORK STATE ELECTIONS ARE SECURED? HERE'S A QUICK WALKTHROUGH.

ELECTION WORKERS



Almost all processes and procedures require that bipartisan teams of trained election personnel are involved. These officials have taken an oath to uphold state election laws and protect the security of the election. *Election Law § 3-300, § 3-400, § 3-414,*

Representatives of political parties or candidates, organizations, and sometimes even members of the general public, are allowed to observe and monitor election activities. *Election Law § 5-206, § 7-207, § 9-211*

ELECTION NIGHT REPORTING

Election personnel collect vote counts from each machine and report the results to election headquarters. Ballots cast in person are tabulated at the polling place where they were cast. Absentee ballots are collected at a central location for ballot tabulation.

Election Law § 9-102, § 9-209



Ballots and equipment are then securely transported back to the board of elections

Election Law § 9-124



Although we may know who won an election within a few hours, results are not official until the vote is certified by the election office.

Election Law § 9-126



All county boards of elections must conduct post-election audits to further verify results.

Election Law § 9-211

CONTINGENCY PLANNING



If an emergency or disaster event happened on or near Election Day, jurisdictions have backup plans in place to make sure voters can still cast their ballots.

Election Law § 3-108

ABSENTEE BALLOTS



Absentee ballots are protected by state rules and procedures that determine how they must be handled. Mailed envelopes must be signed so that the signature can be compared to the signature on the voter's registration form. Voters can track the status of their absentee ballot via the state or county online absentee ballot tracker. *Election Law § 8-410, § 9-209*

If you have an issue at the polls **DO NOT** leave without voting!

Call the Attorney General hotline:

866-390-2992

VOTE 411.org

Find out:

- What's on your ballot
- Candidates' positions on issues
- Where to vote



VOTER REGISTRATION

Voter registration ensures only those meeting state eligibility requirements are able to vote, and helps keep track of who has cast a ballot. *Election Law § 8-302*



To register to vote in NYS you must be a citizen of the U.S., 18 years of age or older, and be a resident of the district for at least 30 days. *Election Law § 5-102*



Voter registration applications are reviewed and approved by bipartisan county boards of elections. *Election Law § 5-210, § 5-702*



A statewide voter registration list is maintained by the State Board of Elections and is published annually. Only authorized personnel have access. *Election Law § 5-600, 5-602, 5-614*



Personal information is only released in accordance with NY's legal guidelines. *Election Law § 3-103, § 5-508, § 5-602*

DECENTRALIZED STRUCTURE



New York State elections are conducted independently across counties, which means there's no single point of access.

VOTING

- Registered voters can vote early in person, on Election Day in person, or by absentee ballot. To vote using an absentee ballot, voters must request a ballot and have a valid reason for not being able to vote in person. All ballots must be returned by mail or in person. *Election Law §§ 8-400, 8-412, 10-112.*
- Poll workers verify that every in-person voter is eligible to vote before giving them a ballot. Absentee ballots are only sent to registered voters who have requested them. NYS verifies voter eligibility again when collecting absentee ballots. *Election Law § 8-302, § 8-400, § 8-402, § 9-209*
- Voters who do not appear on the registration list can cast a provisional or affidavit ballot. *Election Law § 5-204*

ELECTION EQUIPMENT

Each piece of voting equipment is put through logic and accuracy tests to make sure ballots will be counted correctly.

Election Law §§ 7-200, 7-202, 7-206



Ballots and election equipment are typically secured with tamper evident seals and transported to polling places in secure containers.

Election Law § 4-130, § 4-134



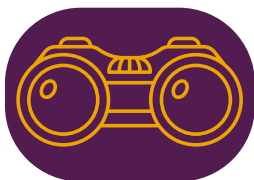
Voting machines approved by the New York State Board of Elections are barred from connecting to the internet.

Election Law § 7-202



While election materials are in use, they are closely watched by bi-partisan teams of election workers trained to notice and respond to any suspicious behavior.

Election Law § 8-104



Each time election materials and equipment switch hands, it has to be documented.

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When it isn't being used, voting equipment is stored in a facility accessible only to trained election personnel.

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