

• ERIC (Electronic Registration Information Center) (S6173B Skoufis/A7052C Sillitti)

The League supports the implementation of this bill to allow New York to join a multistate organization such as the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC). ERIC is a multistate voter list maintenance organization. New York State currently has a centralized state voter database, but it does not track voters as they move out of state, and it has been very difficult to keep up to date. This bill is a critical method for combatting mis and disinformation across the state.

• Democracy During Detention (S6875 Myrie/A9612 Walker)

This bill would codify the right to vote and guarantee fair, timely access to voter registration and at least one secure method of balloting for all detained citizens who have not been disenfranchised. The Democracy During Detention Act improves election oversight, uniformity, quality control and intergovernmental cooperation to better protect eligible citizens' fundamental rights. The League supports this legislation and encourages passage this session.

• Better Notification of Purge from Voter Rolls (S6168 Comrie/A6764 Cunningham)

The League supports this bill which would ensure that boards of elections use all addresses and communication methods in the voter's registration record to notify the voter of cancellation or inactive status, including email address and phone number when an email address or phone number is in the voter's registration record.

• Student Voter Empowerment Act (Bill Number TBD)

This bill would require Student Voting Coordinators at all institutions of higher education to develop and implement robust two-year student voter action plans with at least three civic events a year. It would also provide students with educational, nonpartisan election information via different mediums. All applicable schools would be enrolled in Tuft's National Study for Learning, Voting and Engagement. This act will tear down educational barriers to civic participation for younger generations and will engage hundreds of thousands of students in the electoral process.

• Bigger Better Bottle Bill (S237 May/A6353 Glick)

This bill would expand the Bottle Bill passed in the 80s to include wine, spirits, hard cider, and most non-carbonated beverages. It would also increase the deposit from 5 cents to 10 cents and use revenues to support recycling equity. The Bottle Bill is one of the most effective recycling and litter prevention programs in New York State. Modernizing this bill to curb plastic pollution in New York State would offer social, economic, and environmental benefits, from reducing projected greenhouse gas emissions to the creation of thousands of jobs. The League of Women Voters of New York State urges lawmakers to pass this bill.

• The Packaging Reduction and Recycling Act (S4246B Harckam/A5322B Glick)

Plastic accounts for nearly all packaging that cannot be reused or effectively recycled - which is why the League supports the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Act. This act would require companies to reduce their packaging by 50% in 12 years, make the remaining packaging truly reusable or recyclable, get certain toxic chemicals out of packaging, and pay to clean up their packaging waste by reimbursing municipalities and taxpayers for the collection and processing of those materials. The bill would also prohibit incineration and "chemical recycling" (waste-derived fuels) from counting as recycling. The League supports this bill and encourages lawmakers to pass it this session.