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2025 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

1. Properly fund the New York State Board of Elections and give the NYSBOE proper authority to promulgate regulations and enforce responsibilities outlined in state law. (Bi-partisan support)
2. Allow for flexibility for designating non-enrolled inspectors to serve as Republican or Democratic inspectors. (Bi-partisan support)
3. Grant county Election Commissioners independence and flexibility with respect to determining hours of operation. (Bi-partisan support)
4. 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. (Bi-partisan support) (S1014/A1259)
5. Exempt all party position contests from the manual hand count. (Bi-partisan support)
6. Altering the highest municipality early voting law to lower the highest city threshold to at least 10,000 voters. (Bi-partisan support)
7. 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. (Bi-partisan support)
8. Authorize the issuing of same-day absentee ballots in those instances when commissioners agree that health-related exigencies on or immediately prior to Election Day create hardship. (Bi-partisan support) (A1111)
9. Designation of Election Day as a non-attendance day for public school students. (Bi-partisan support) (S2024A/A4294)
10. Allow for Vote Centers on Election Day as well as Early Voting on a permissive basis. (Bi-partisan support) (S5537A/A6939A)
11. Extension of Enrollment Change Freeze Window. (Bi-partisan support)
12. Recounts to Exclude All Delegates (Including Judicial) and County Committee. (Bi-partisan support)
13. Recounts Optional for Candidate with Lesser Vote. (Bi-partisan support)
14. Constitutional Amendment for Paper Ballots. (Bi-partisan support)
15. Memorializing Resolution for a National Holiday (Federal). (Bi-partisan support)
16. Optional Ability to Scan Absentee Ballots During Early Voting. (Bi-partisan support)
17. Consolidation of Early Voting Days and Hours for Primaries and Special Elections. (Bi-partisan support)
18. Aid to localities funding of \$10 million for distribution to County Board of Elections of unbudgeted expenses. (Bi-partisan support)
19. Allow county parties to have direct ballot access with their nomination process outside of NYC. (Bi-partisan support) (A00253/S08446-B)