

### Elections

#### 1. Provide funding for early voting proposal

**Oppose** early voting proposal unless and until state funding is provided to offset the costs to counties

The budget proposes early voting authorization in all special, primary, and general elections. This bill would require early voting polling sites to be open for a period of 12 days prior to special, primary, and general elections; require that the number of early voting polling sites be based on the number of registered voters in each county, and that each county offer at least one site; and provide that any registered voter in a county can vote at any early voting polling place within their county. DOB estimates this would increase local election costs by \$3 million.

#### 2. Support the consolidation of primary election dates

**Support** legislation that would consolidate the state and non presidential primary election date.

There will be three primary elections in New York State this year: the presidential primary, the non-presidential federal primary for Senate and House seats, and state and local primary elections.

County Boards of Elections are responsible for managing election operations, and paying for all or most of the costs of these operations. The more primary dates that occur any given year increase the operation costs for counties. Election Law Section 8-100 permits the date of the New York primary to be changed by an act of the State Legislature in order to have these dates coincide with Federal primary election dates, thereby lowering county election costs. The current budget does not include either moving the State primary dates or compensate the counties for not making this adjustment.

If state leaders do not consolidate these primary dates, then NYSAC encourages the State to reimbursement counties for the cost of the third primary.