

1 **2022 NYSAC Fall Seminar**
2 **Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs**
3 **Resolution #3**

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5 **Resolution Calling on the State to Provide Funding to Counties and County**
6 **Boards of Elections for the Additional 2022 Primary, and to Provide**
7 **Flexibility for the Number and Location of Early Voting Locations**

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9 **WHEREAS**, county boards of elections are responsible for managing election
10 operations and paying for all or most of the costs of these operations; and

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12 **WHEREAS**, election reforms in recent years have helped to strengthen our democracy,
13 by expanding access to voting through early voting, no excuse mail in ballots, and other
14 reforms; and

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16 **WHEREAS**, many counties have reported very low turnout at some early voting
17 locations and have requested flexibility in both the number of required early voting sites
18 and polling locations to account for this low turnout; and

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20 **WHEREAS**, due to the increased frequency of elections coupled with early voting,
21 counties are now required to hire poll workers as county employees and provide W-4's,
22 rather than 1099-MISC's, which was the typical means for tax purposes; and

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24 **WHEREAS**, because this year's congressional and state senate redistricting maps were
25 declared unconstitutional, county boards of elections had to expend funding, resources,
26 and personnel to plan for and operate two separate primary elections.

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28 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the New York State Association of
29 Counties (NYSAC) hereby calls on the State to provide financial support to counties and
30 county boards of elections for having to operate two separate primary elections this
31 year; and

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33 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, NYSAC also asks for the state to provide county
34 boards of elections with more flexibility when siting and operating early voting polling
35 sites to make the process more convenient and efficient without curbing access to
36 voting; and

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38 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Congress should reform the IRS "Election Workers –
39 Reporting and Withholding" requirements by amending Section 6041(a) which applies
40 to payments of compensation that are not subject to withholding of FICA or income tax;
41 and

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43 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, this legislation should allow counties to issue 1099-
44 MISC's for election worker earnings up to \$2,000, rather than the current statutory
45 requirement of \$600; and

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be sent to the counties
2 of New York State encouraging member counties to enact similar resolutions; and

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4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NYSAC shall forward copies of this resolution to
5 The Governor of the State of New York, the New York State Legislature, the New York
6 Congressional Delegation and all others deemed necessary and proper.