

1 **2023 NYSAC Legislative Conference**
2 **Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs**
3 **Resolution #2**

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5 **Resolution Calling on the State to Provide Funding to Counties and County**
6 **Boards of Elections for the Costs Associated with Legislative Proposals to**
7 **Hire Additional Election Staff and to Provide More Flexibility with Early**
8 **Voting Sites**
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10 **WHEREAS**, county boards of elections are responsible for managing election
11 operations and paying for all or most of the costs of these operations.; and

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

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17 **WHEREAS**, the New York State Senate this year has passed a package of new election
18 reform measures that include establishing portable early voting polling locations,
19 creating absentee ballot drop-off locations, regulating a statewide voter database, and
20 establishing new hiring and training requirements for county boards of elections.

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22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the New York State Association of
23 Counties (NYSAC) hereby calls on the State to provide financial support to counties and
24 county boards of elections necessary to comply with any and all new statewide election
25 management requirements; and

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27 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, NYSAC also applauds the state for granting county
28 boards of elections with more flexibility when siting and operating early voting polling
29 sites to make the process more convenient and efficient without curbing access to
30 voting; and

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

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35 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NYSAC shall forward copies of this resolution to
36 Governor Kathy Hochul, the New York State Legislature and all others deemed
37 necessary and proper.