

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 18, 2025

Introduced by Sens. SEPULVEDA, COMRIE, FERNANDEZ, PARKER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Elections

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to allowing photographs of one's self and one's own ballot while voting

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 8-300 of the election law is amended by adding a
2 new subdivision 4 to read as follows:

3 4. Voters shall be permitted on their own volition, to photograph and
4 post on social media their own ballot and themselves at any stage of
5 voting, including while in a privacy booth or at a ballot scanner,
6 provided that such photographs do not contain any other voter or reveal
7 the contents of any other voter's ballot.

8 § 2. Subdivisions 10 and 11 of section 17-130 of the election law are
9 amended to read as follows:

10 10. [~~Shows his~~] Solicits a voter to show such voter's ballot after it
11 is prepared for voting, to any person so as to reveal the contents[~~, or~~
12 ~~solicits a voter to show the same~~]; or,

13 11. Places any mark upon [~~his~~] such person's ballot, or does any other
14 act in connection with [~~his~~] such person's ballot with the intent that
15 it may be identified as the one voted by [~~him~~] such person, other than
16 what is allowed pursuant to subdivision four of section 8-300 of this
17 chapter; or,

18 § 3. Subdivision 23 of section 17-130 of the election law, as renum-
19 bered by chapter 373 of the laws of 1978, is amended and a new subdivi-
20 sion 24 is added to read as follows:

21 23. Not having been appointed or named an inspector of elections or
22 clerk and not having taken the oath for such office shall wear or
23 display any button, badge or emblem identifying or purporting to identi-

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 fy such person as an inspector of election or clerk[~~7 is guilty of a~~
2 ~~misdemeanor.~~]; or,

3 24. Forces an individual to photograph and/or post on social media
4 such individual's own ballot or such individual at any stage of voting,
5 is guilty of a misdemeanor.

6 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.