

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

March 23, 2020

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Introduced by Sen. METZGER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Elections

AN ACT relating to the establishment of voting by mail in the case of a natural disaster or state of emergency

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

1 Section 1. The state board of elections shall, by May 1, 2020, create  
2 a plan that provides for the establishment and use of voting by mail for  
3 elections in the case of a natural disaster or state of emergency. Such  
4 plan shall otherwise comply with all provisions of the election law.  
5 For purposes of this section, "voting by mail" shall mean an election  
6 for which all eligible voters receive ballots by mail and vote by mail-  
7 ing those ballots, depositing the ballots at, as applicable, drop-off  
8 locations or voter service and polling centers, or, as applicable, by  
9 voting at a voter service and polling center.  
10 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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