

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

January 21, 2026

Introduced by M. of A. P. CARROLL -- read once and referred to the  
Committee on Election Law

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to absentee ballot drop  
boxes

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 8-416 of the election law, as  
2 amended by chapter 109 of the laws of 2025, is amended to read as  
3 follows:

4 2. (a) Each board of elections is hereby authorized to establish one  
5 or more ballot drop-off locations as an additional means for the deliv-  
6 ery of absentee or early voting ballots marked by a voter to the board  
7 of elections of the county or city of the voter's residence. Each such  
8 board of elections shall provide notice of the location of every such  
9 ballot drop-off location by posting such information on its website no  
10 later than the day the ballot drop-off location is established.

11 (b) A board of elections shall establish at least one ballot drop box  
12 for up to fifteen thousand registered voters in its jurisdiction. If a  
13 board of elections has more than fifteen thousand registered voters in  
14 its jurisdiction, the board of elections shall establish at least one  
15 additional ballot drop box for every fifteen thousand registered voters  
16 over the original fifteen thousand registered voters. In the discretion  
17 of the board of elections, ballot drop boxes may be placed at public  
18 facilities such as town halls, village halls, libraries, and/or county  
19 clerks offices. The ballot drop boxes shall be established at least  
20 forty-five days before the relevant election.

21 § 2. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall  
22 have become a law and shall apply to elections conducted on and after  
23 such effective date. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment  
24 and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation  
25 of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and  
26 completed on or before such effective date.

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

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