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AN ACT to amend the election law, the correction law and the New York city charter, in relation to voting rights and access for incarcerated individuals

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

1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Democracy  
2 During Detention Act".

3 § 2. The election law is amended by adding a new section 8-109 to read  
4 as follows:

5 § 8-109. Polling places at correctional facilities and local correc-  
6 tional facilities. 1. For purposes of facilitating voting by incarcerat-  
7 ed individuals at correctional facilities and local correctional facili-  
8 ties, as such terms are defined in section two of the correction law,  
9 the board of elections of each county may establish by majority vote, in  
10 lieu of the absentee balloting program set forth in section 8-415 of  
11 this article, a polling place at any such facility for at least three  
12 hours of operation beginning the tenth day prior to any general, prima-  
13 ry, run-off primary pursuant to subdivision one of section 6-162 of this  
14 chapter or special election for any public or party position, and  
15 ending on and including the ninth day prior to such general, primary,  
16 run-off primary or special election for such public office or party

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

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1 position. Any such polling place shall be established in compliance  
2 with the early voting provisions of paragraphs (d) and (e) of subdivi-  
3 sion four and subdivisions five through eleven of section 8-600 of this  
4 article, section 8-604 of this article regarding registration during  
5 early voting, and subdivision one-a of section 4-104 of this chapter.  
6 Voter access to polling places established pursuant to this section  
7 shall be restricted to voters incarcerated at such facility or related  
8 facilities and voters who are employees of such facilities, who are  
9 registered to vote in the county where such facility is located. All  
10 other eligible voters who are incarcerated at such facility or who are  
11 employees of such facility shall be provided with voter registration  
12 forms and absentee ballot applications pursuant to section 8-415 of this  
13 article. The establishment of polling places under this section shall  
14 be in addition to, and shall not diminish, the minimum quantity of early  
15 voting locations required by subdivision two of section 8-600 of this  
16 article, nor shall the fact of such establishment alter or prejudice the  
17 application of the equitable siting factors therein.

18 2. (a) For purposes of facilitating voting by incarcerated individuals  
19 at correctional facilities and local correctional facilities, as such  
20 terms are defined in section two of the correction law, the board of  
21 elections in the city of New York may establish by majority vote, in  
22 lieu of the absentee balloting program set forth in section 8-415 of  
23 this article, a polling place at any such facility for at least six  
24 hours of operation beginning the tenth day prior to any general, prima-  
25 ry, run-off primary pursuant to subdivision one of section 6-162 of this  
26 chapter or special election for any public or party position, and ending  
27 on and including the eighth day prior to such general, primary, run-off  
28 primary or special election for such public office or party position.  
29 Any such polling place shall be established in compliance with the  
30 provisions of paragraphs (d) and (e) of subdivision four and subdivi-  
31 sions five through eleven of section 8-600 of this article, section  
32 8-604 of this article, and subdivision one-a of section 4-104 of this  
33 chapter. Voter access to polling places established pursuant to this  
34 section shall be restricted to voters incarcerated at such facility or  
35 related facilities and voters who are employees of such facilities, who  
36 are registered to vote in the county where such facility is located. All  
37 other eligible voters who are incarcerated at such facility or who are  
38 employees of such facility shall be provided with voter registration  
39 forms and offered absentee ballot applications pursuant to section 8-415  
40 of this article. The establishment of polling places under this section  
41 shall be in addition to, and shall not diminish, the minimum quantity of  
42 early voting locations required by subdivision two of section 8-600 of  
43 this article, nor shall the fact of such establishment alter or preju-  
44 dice the application of the equitable siting factors therein.

45 (b) Without limiting the provisions of paragraph (a) of this subdivi-  
46 sion, the board of elections in the city of New York, in performing its  
47 obligations under paragraph (a) of this subdivision, shall conduct at  
48 least one site visit between forty-five and thirty days prior to a  
49 primary or general election to administer timely voter registration by  
50 eligible citizens at each correctional or local correctional facility  
51 for which a polling place will be established pursuant to paragraph (a)  
52 of this subdivision using board of elections electronic tablets and  
53 digital resources wherever possible to effectuate electronic voter  
54 registration in accordance with section 5-802 of this title, resorting  
55 to paper forms only in extenuating circumstances or where employing such  
56 tablets and digital resources would be impracticable.

1 3. Prior to the establishment of a polling place pursuant to subdivi-  
2 sion one or two of this section, the board of elections shall develop a  
3 facility voter access plan in consultation and cooperation with and  
4 countersigned by the facility's superintendent, administrator or direc-  
5 tor, or their designated democracy officer or agent. Such plan shall  
6 describe the dates, times, and location or locations where registration  
7 and voting will take place; the proposed staffing levels; election  
8 equipment, materials, and voting machines to be deployed; how detained  
9 citizens will be informed of voter eligibility; the technology, elec-  
10 tricity, and cybersecurity needed to effectuate the plan; and voting  
11 procedures, security measures and other considerations relevant to  
12 ensuring secure and accessible voter access for eligible voters located  
13 at the facility. Such plan shall be submitted to the state board of  
14 elections no later than ninety days prior to the first day of voting and  
15 approved by the state board of elections with any amendments prescribed  
16 by the state board of elections no later than seventy-five days prior to  
17 the first day of voting and shall be a public record.

18 § 3. The election law is amended by adding a new section 8-415 to read  
19 as follows:

20 § 8-415. Absentee voting; application and registration drive for  
21 incarcerated individuals at correctional facilities and local correc-  
22 tional facilities. 1. This section applies to any correctional facility  
23 or local correctional facility, as such terms are defined in section two  
24 of the correction law, except for any such facility where the incarcer-  
25 ated individuals at such facility are exclusively under the age of eigh-  
26 teen.

27 2. (a) The board of elections in counties with at least one hundred  
28 thousand registered voters shall provide that the eligible incarcerated  
29 individuals at any such facility in such county with seventy-five or  
30 more incarcerated individuals may vote by absentee ballot as provided  
31 for in this section.

32 (b) Each board of elections subject to paragraph (a) of this subdivi-  
33 sion shall develop a facility voter access plan in consultation and  
34 cooperation with and countersigned by the facility's superintendent,  
35 administrator or director, or their designated democracy officer or  
36 agent. Such plan shall include written procedures to ensure orderly  
37 administration of the absentee balloting program at each such facility,  
38 in a manner such that all eligible persons have an effective opportunity  
39 to register and vote. Such procedures shall include the delivery and  
40 retrieval of electronic or paper voter registration forms, ballot  
41 requests, and absentee ballots; describe the dates, times, and location  
42 or locations where registration and voting will take place; the proposed  
43 staffing levels; election equipment, materials, and any voting machines  
44 to be deployed; how incarcerated individuals will be informed of voter  
45 eligibility; the technology, electricity, and cybersecurity needed to  
46 effectuate the plan; and procedures, security measures and other consid-  
47 erations relevant to ensuring secure and accessible voting at the facil-  
48 ity. This plan shall be submitted to the state board of elections no  
49 later than ninety days prior to the first election day in which such  
50 facility will participate in this program, and approved by the state  
51 board of elections with any amendments prescribed by the state board of  
52 elections no later than seventy-five days prior to such election day,  
53 and shall be a public record. This paragraph shall not apply to facili-  
54 ties where a board of elections establishes a polling place in accord-  
55 ance with section 8-109 of this article.

1 (c) Without limiting the provisions of paragraph (a) of this subdivi-  
2 sion, the board of elections in the city of New York, in performing its  
3 obligations under paragraph (a) of this subdivision shall:

4 (i) ensure the adequate resource allocation and deployment, in a  
5 manner consistent with that provided to voters who are not incarcerated,  
6 of assistive devices and reasonable accommodations for persons with  
7 disabilities pursuant to section 4-104 of this chapter, and interpretive  
8 resources and language-related assistance in voting and elections pursu-  
9 ant to section 17-208 of this chapter and in coordination with the poll  
10 site language assistance program prescribed by paragraph (a) of subdivi-  
11 sion four of section thirty-two hundred two of the charter of the city  
12 of New York, to the extent justified by the needs of the voters incar-  
13 cerated;

14 (ii) conduct at least one site visit between thirty and forty-five  
15 days prior to a primary or general election to administer timely voter  
16 registration and absentee ballot application by eligible citizens at  
17 each such facility in accordance with subdivision three of this section  
18 using board of elections electronic tablets and digital resources wher-  
19 ever possible to effectuate electronic voter registration in accordance  
20 with section 5-802 of this chapter and electronic absentee ballot appli-  
21 cation in accordance with section 8-408 of this title, resorting to  
22 paper forms only in extenuating circumstances or where employing such  
23 tablets and digital resources would be impracticable, provided however,  
24 that the board of elections in the city of New York may dispense with  
25 such site visit if the approved written procedures for voting at such  
26 facility required by paragraph (a) of this subdivision expressly author-  
27 ize and direct the board of inspectors attending such facility to  
28 conduct and process same-day voter registration and to receive and proc-  
29 ess same-day in-person absentee ballot applications, including, for  
30 applicants that are determined to be entitled to vote, delivery of the  
31 applicable ballots; and

32 (iii) allocate and deploy sufficient equipment, personnel, and  
33 resources when attending correctional facilities and local correctional  
34 facilities within its jurisdiction at levels that, in consultation with  
35 the state board of elections, take into account the estimated number of  
36 eligible voters, historical data regarding the time taken to check in  
37 and process voters at an office of the board of elections or a polling  
38 place, public safety and security considerations, the division of incar-  
39 cerated individuals among buildings, and other relevant factors.

40 3. For all other correctional facilities and local correctional facil-  
41 ities, the board of elections shall coordinate with the superintendent,  
42 administrator, director, designated democracy officer or agent to facil-  
43 itate voter access by ensuring that all eligible citizens are provided  
44 with access to electronic personal voter registration pursuant to this  
45 article or voter registration by application which shall be processed  
46 pursuant to sections 5-208 and 5-210 of this chapter, as applicable,  
47 and, except for county voters detained or confined at a correctional  
48 facility or local correctional facility at which a polling place will be  
49 established pursuant to section 8-109 of this article, that all eligible  
50 voters are provided with an absentee ballot application no later than  
51 twenty-one days prior to election day. It shall be the duty of each such  
52 superintendent, administrator, director, designated democracy officer or  
53 agent to assist the board in the discharge of its duties pursuant to  
54 this subdivision, including, but not limited to making available suit-  
55 able space and reasonable accommodations within such facility.

1 4. The state board of elections shall promulgate non-partisan educa-  
2 tional materials in plain language about the voting rights of individ-  
3 uals currently incarcerated and formerly incarcerated for inclusion in  
4 the incarcerated individual handbook or similar materials and reentry  
5 resources.

6 5. Without limiting the provisions of subdivisions three and four of  
7 this section, the board of elections in the city of New York, in  
8 performing its obligations under subdivision three of this section,  
9 shall deploy interpretive resources and language-related assistance to  
10 ensure all eligible individuals have an effective opportunity to regis-  
11 ter to vote and apply for an absentee ballot, to the extent justified by  
12 the needs of the voters actually incarcerated.

13 6. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the rights  
14 under state and federal law of any voter pursuant to this section and  
15 the rights and remedies provided for under title two of article seven-  
16 teen of this chapter.

17 § 4. Subdivision 1 of section 17-208 of the election law, as added by  
18 chapter 226 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

19 1. Political subdivisions required to provide language assistance. A  
20 board of elections or a political subdivision that administers elections  
21 shall provide language-related assistance in voting and elections to a  
22 language-minority group in a political subdivision, or to citizens  
23 belonging to a language-minority group incarcerated at correctional  
24 facilities or local correctional facilities, if, based on data from the  
25 American community survey, or data of comparable quality collected by a  
26 public office, such data indicates that:

27 (a) more than two percent, but in no instance fewer than three hundred  
28 individuals, of the citizens of voting age of a political subdivision,  
29 or in the city of New York the citizens of voting age incarcerated at  
30 correctional facilities or local correctional facilities, are members of  
31 a single language-minority group and are limited English proficient.

32 (b) more than four thousand of the citizens of voting age of such  
33 political subdivision are members of a single language-minority group  
34 and are limited English proficient.

35 (c) in the case of a political subdivision that contains all or any  
36 part of a Native American reservation, more than two percent of the  
37 Native American citizens of voting age within the Native American reser-  
38 vation are members of a single language-minority group and are limited  
39 English proficient. For the purposes of this paragraph, "Native Ameri-  
40 can" is defined to include any persons recognized by the United States  
41 census bureau or New York as "American Indian" or "Alaska Native".

42 § 5. Section 75 of the correction law, as amended by chapter 103 of  
43 the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

44 § 75. [~~Notice of voting~~] Voting rights. 1. Freedom to vote. All  
45 persons who have been or hereafter be incarcerated at any correctional  
46 facility, who are qualified to register for and vote at any election  
47 pursuant to section 5-102 of the election law and not subject to exclu-  
48 sion by section 5-106 of the election law, are hereby declared to be  
49 entitled to the free exercise and enjoyment of the elective franchise  
50 without discrimination or preference.

51 2. Opportunity to register to vote and request ballots. The rules and  
52 regulations established for any correctional facility shall recognize  
53 the right of incarcerated individuals, who are qualified to register for  
54 and vote at any election pursuant to section 5-102 of the election law  
55 and not subject to exclusion by section 5-106 of the election law, to  
56 the free exercise of their right to vote in accordance with the

1 provisions of the constitution and, to effectuate such end, shall allow  
2 for access by the eligible individuals to electronic personal voter  
3 registration or voter registration by application pursuant to article  
4 five of the election law and to access absentee balloting services  
5 through the electronic absentee ballot application transmittal system or  
6 by paper application pursuant to title four of article eight of the  
7 election law, in such manner as may best carry into effect the intent of  
8 this section and be consistent with the proper discipline and management  
9 of the correctional facility. Such services shall be made available  
10 within the buildings or grounds, whenever possible, where the incarcer-  
11 ated individuals are confined, in such manner and at such hours as will  
12 be in accordance with the rules and regulations of both the facility and  
13 the board of elections, and such facilities shall secure to such indi-  
14 viduals the free exercise of their right to vote in accordance with the  
15 provisions of this section. In case of a violation of any of the  
16 provisions of this section, any person aggrieved thereby may exercise  
17 any rights and remedies provided for under state and federal law,  
18 including by instituting proceedings in the supreme court of the  
19 district where such facility is situated, which is hereby authorized and  
20 empowered to enforce the provisions of this section.

21 3. Duty to cooperate. Pursuant to sections 8-109, if applicable,  
22 8-406, 8-415, and 17-208 of the election law, the superintendent of each  
23 correctional facility shall cooperate with the board of elections in  
24 developing and implementing a plan to facilitate at least one method of  
25 voter access for all persons eligible to vote who are incarcerated at  
26 each such facility. The superintendent of each correctional facility  
27 shall provide timely clearance of board of elections personnel appointed  
28 by the board of elections to discharge their duties under sections 8-407  
29 and 8-415 of the election law, authorize access for such personnel, and  
30 provide security for board of elections personnel. The superintendent  
31 of each correctional facility shall ensure that such personnel shall be  
32 provided with the necessary resources, space and reasonable accommo-  
33 datations within such facility for the discharge of its duties. The  
34 department shall issue regulations directing each such facility to  
35 ensure the timely delivery, and to facilitate the timely return if  
36 applicable, of all official election mail, forms, notices or communi-  
37 cations to any incarcerated individual at such facility and that non-  
38 partisan plain language educational materials about the voting rights of  
39 individuals currently incarcerated and formerly incarcerated are  
40 included in the incarcerated individual handbook or similar materials  
41 and reentry resources. Without limiting any rights or remedies provided  
42 to voters under the law, there shall be a presumption of a violation of  
43 subdivision one of section 17-212 of the election law when any super-  
44 intendent, employee, or agent of such correctional facility, by commis-  
45 sion or omission, intentionally frustrates the purposes of this section.

46 4. Rights restoration upon release and registration. Prior to the  
47 release from a correctional facility of any person the department shall  
48 notify such person verbally and in writing, that [~~his or her~~] such  
49 voting rights will be restored upon release and provide such person with  
50 a form of application for voter registration and a declination form,  
51 offer such person assistance in filling out the appropriate form, and  
52 provide such person written information distributed by the board of  
53 elections on the importance and the mechanics of voting. Upon release,  
54 such person may choose to either submit [~~his or her~~] such completed  
55 application to the state board or county board where such person resides  
56 or have the department transmit it on [~~his or her~~] such person's behalf.

1 Where such person chooses to have the department transmit the applica-  
2 tion, the department shall transmit the completed application upon such  
3 person's release to the state board or county board where such person  
4 resides.

5 § 6. Section 510 of the correction law, as amended by chapter 473 of  
6 the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

7 § 510. Voting [~~upon release~~]. 1. Freedom to vote. All persons who have  
8 been or hereafter are incarcerated at any local correctional facility,  
9 who are qualified to register for and vote at any election pursuant to  
10 section 5-102 of the election law and not subject to exclusion by  
11 section 5-106 of the election law, are hereby declared to be entitled to  
12 the free exercise and enjoyment of the elective franchise without  
13 discrimination or preference.

14 2. Opportunity to register to vote and request ballots. The rules and  
15 regulations established for local correctional facilities shall recog-  
16 nize the right of incarcerated individuals, who are qualified to regis-  
17 ter for and vote at any election pursuant to section 5-102 of the  
18 election law and not subject to exclusion by section 5-106 of the  
19 election law, to the free exercise of their right to vote in accordance  
20 with the provisions of the constitution and, to effectuate such end,  
21 shall allow for access by the eligible individuals to electronic  
22 personal voter registration or voter registration by application pursu-  
23 ant to article five of the election law and to access absentee balloting  
24 services through the electronic absentee ballot application transmittal  
25 system or by paper application pursuant to title four of article eight  
26 of the election law, in such manner as may best carry into effect the  
27 intent of this section and be consistent with the proper discipline and  
28 management of the correctional facility. Such services shall be made  
29 available within the buildings or grounds, whenever possible, where the  
30 incarcerated individuals are confined, in such manner and at such hours  
31 as will be in accordance with the rules and regulations of both the  
32 facility and the board of elections, and secure to such individuals the  
33 free exercise of their right to vote in accordance with the provisions  
34 of this section. In case of a violation of any of the provisions of this  
35 section, any person aggrieved thereby may exercise any rights and reme-  
36 dies provided for under state and federal law, including by instituting  
37 proceedings in the supreme court of the district where such facility is  
38 situated, which is hereby authorized and empowered to enforce the  
39 provisions of this section.

40 3. Duty to cooperate. Pursuant to sections 8-406, 8-415, and 17-208 of  
41 the election law, the superintendent of each local correctional facility  
42 shall cooperate with the board of elections in developing and implement-  
43 ing a plan to facilitate at least one method of voter access for all  
44 persons eligible to vote who are incarcerated at each such facility,  
45 including, but not limited to providing timely clearance, access, and  
46 security for board of elections personnel and resources, and making  
47 available to such board space and reasonable accommodations within such  
48 facility for the discharge of its duties. The department shall issue  
49 regulations directing each such facility to ensure the timely delivery,  
50 and to facilitate the timely return if applicable, of all official  
51 election mail, forms, notices or communications to any incarcerated  
52 individual at such facility and that non-partisan plain language educa-  
53 tional materials about the voting rights of individuals currently incar-  
54 cerated and formerly incarcerated are included in the incarcerated indi-  
55 vidual handbook or similar materials and reentry resources. Without  
56 limiting any rights or remedies provided to voters under the law, there

1 shall be a presumption of a violation of subdivision one of section  
2 17-212 of the election law when any superintendent, employee, or agent  
3 of such local correctional facility, by commission or omission, inten-  
4 tionally frustrates the purposes of this section. This subdivision shall  
5 not apply to any facility where the persons incarcerated at such facili-  
6 ty are exclusively under the age of eighteen.

7 4. Rights restoration upon release and registration. Prior to the  
8 release from a local correctional facility of any person convicted of a  
9 felony the chief administrative officer shall notify such person verbal-  
10 ly and in writing that [~~his or her~~] their voting rights will be restored  
11 upon release and provide such person with a form of application for  
12 voter registration and a declination form, offer such person assistance  
13 in filling out the appropriate form, and provide such person written  
14 information distributed by the board of elections on the importance and  
15 the mechanics of voting. Upon release, such person may choose to either  
16 submit [~~his or her~~] their completed application to the state board or  
17 county board where such person resides or have the department transmit  
18 it on [~~his or her~~] their behalf. Where such person chooses to have the  
19 department transmit the application, the chief administrative officer  
20 shall transmit the completed application upon such person's release to  
21 the state board or county board where such person resides.

22 [~~2-~~] 5. Upon discharge or release from the custody of a local correc-  
23 tional facility, the chief administrative officer of such facility  
24 shall, in consultation with the county board of elections, distribute to  
25 every person eighteen years of age or older a written notice on the  
26 voting rights of such person in the state of New York, including infor-  
27 mation on the importance and mechanics of voting, when such person is or  
28 may become eligible to vote, and offer to every such person a voter  
29 registration form; provided that, if an individual declines to accept a  
30 voter registration form, the chief administrative officer shall maintain  
31 a written record of such declination. Notice is not required for those  
32 individuals being transferred to a different local correctional facili-  
33 ty, individuals being transferred or released to the custody of a state  
34 correctional facility or institution, or individuals being released to  
35 the custody of a hospital or mental health institution for treatment.

36 § 7. Subdivision 9 of section 1057-a of the New York city charter, as  
37 amended by chapter 481 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as  
38 follows:

39 9. In addition to the other requirements of this section, the depart-  
40 ment of correction shall [~~implement and administer a program of distrib-~~  
41 ~~ution and submission of early mail and absentee ballot applications, and~~  
42 ~~subsequently received early mail or absentee ballots, for eligible~~  
43 ~~incarcerated individuals. Such department shall offer, to all incarcer-~~  
44 ~~ated individuals who are registered to vote, early mail and absentee~~  
45 ~~ballot applications, and a means to complete them, during the period~~  
46 ~~from sixty days prior to any primary, special, or general election in~~  
47 ~~the city of New York until two weeks prior to any such election. Such~~  
48 ~~department shall subsequently provide any early mail or absentee ballot~~  
49 ~~received from the board of elections in response to any such application~~  
50 ~~to the applicable incarcerated individual, as well as a means to~~  
51 ~~complete it. Such department shall provide assistance to any such incar-~~  
52 ~~cerated individual in filling out such application or ballot upon~~  
53 ~~request. Such department shall, not later than five days after receipt,~~  
54 ~~transmit such completed applications and ballots from any incarcerated~~  
55 ~~individual who wishes to have them transmitted to the board of elections~~  
56 ~~for the city of New York. The provisions of this subdivision shall not~~

1 ~~apply in any specific instance in which the department deems it unsafe~~  
2 ~~to comply therewith]~~ assist, coordinate, and cooperate with the board of  
3 elections in developing and implementing a plan to facilitate voter  
4 access for all persons eligible to vote who are incarcerated at each  
5 facility, in accordance with the democracy during detention act.

6 § 8. Subparagraph (a) of paragraph 4 of subdivision a of section 3202  
7 of the New York city charter, as added by section 2 of question 2 of  
8 local law number 211 of the city of New York for the year 2018, is  
9 amended to read as follows:

10 (a) Subject to appropriation and after consultation with the mayor's  
11 office of immigrant affairs and the department of city planning, estab-  
12 lish a program for providing language interpreters at poll sites  
13 throughout New York city for the purpose of facilitating participation  
14 by limited English proficient individuals in voting in elections held in  
15 the city, which shall include correctional facilities and local correc-  
16 tional facilities located in the city. To the extent practicable, the  
17 commission shall consult and coordinate with the board of elections of  
18 the city of New York in the development and implementation of the  
19 program established pursuant to this paragraph.

20 § 9. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding  
21 the date on which it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the  
22 addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary  
23 for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized  
24 to be made and completed on or before such effective date.