

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. JACOBSON, EACHUS -- read once and referred to the  
Committee on Election Law

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 Assem-  
bly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The state board of elections shall, by September 1, 2025 or  
2 30 days after this act shall have become a law, whichever comes first,  
3 create a plan that provides for the establishment and use of voting by  
4 mail for elections in the case of a natural disaster or state of emer-  
5 gency. Such plan shall otherwise comply with all provisions of the  
6 election law. For purposes of this section, "voting by mail" shall mean  
7 an election for which all eligible voters receive ballots by mail and  
8 vote by mailing those ballots, depositing the ballots at, as applicable,  
9 drop-off locations or voter service and polling centers, or, as applica-  
10 ble, by voting at a voter service and polling center.  
11 § 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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