

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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