

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

March 7, 2025

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

AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to applications for registration and enrollment of voters

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

1 Section 1. Subdivisions 3 and 4 of section 5-210 of the election law,
2 as amended by chapter 113 of the laws of 2023, subdivision 4 as separately amended by section 50 of part PP of chapter 56 of the laws of
3 2022, are amended to read as follows:

4 3. Completed application forms, when received by any board of
5 elections and, with respect to application forms promulgated by the
6 federal election commission, when received by the state board of
7 elections, [~~or showing a dated cancellation mark of the United States~~
8 ~~Postal Service or contained in an envelope showing such a dated cancellation~~
9 ~~mark which is not later than the fifteenth day before the next~~
10 ~~ensuing primary, general or special election, and received~~] no later
11 than the tenth day before [~~such~~] the next ensuing primary, general, or
12 special election, [~~or delivered in person to such board of elections not~~
13 ~~later than the tenth day before such election,~~] shall entitle the applicant to vote in such election and to have the applicant's vote canvassed
14 in accordance with this chapter, if the applicant is otherwise qualified, provided, however, such applicant shall not vote on a voting
15 machine until their identity is verified. Any board of elections receiving an application form from a person who does not reside in its jurisdiction but who does reside elsewhere in the state of New York, shall
16 electronically forward such application form to the proper board of elections on the same day it is received. Each board of elections shall
17 make an entry on each such form of the date it is received by such
18 board.
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EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [~~-~~] is old law to be omitted.

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1 4. Any qualified person who has been honorably discharged from the
2 military after the twenty-fifth day before a general election, or who
3 has a qualifying condition, as defined in section one of the veterans'
4 services law, and has received a discharge other than bad conduct or
5 dishonorable from the military after the twenty-fifth day before a
6 general election, or who is a discharged LGBT veteran, as defined in
7 section one of the veterans' services law, and has received a discharge
8 other than bad conduct or dishonorable from the military after the twen-
9 ty-fifth day before a general election, or who has become a naturalized
10 citizen after the twenty-fifth day before a general election may
11 [~~personally~~] register [~~at the board of elections in the county of their~~
12 ~~residence~~] using any method for registration available pursuant to this
13 chapter and vote in [~~the general~~] any election held at least ten days
14 after such registration.

15 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.