Common Cause New York has been leading the fight to make our democracy and government work for all New Yorkers. Our 62,000+ grassroots members and activists are tireless advocates for voting rights, ethics reform and fair redistricting from Buffalo to Bay Ridge. Our legislative priorities reflect our vision for a more equitable and vibrant democracy in New York.

**EXPAND VOTING RIGHTS & INVEST IN OUR ELECTIONS**

- **Allow New Yorkers to provide water and snacks to voters at poll sites or while in line to vote.** (S7382A Myrie/A9477A Simon)

- **Ensure voters easily understand state ballot proposals as the language is frequently lengthy and confusing.** (A10708 Zinerman/(bill# requested Comrie)

- **Pilot same day registration during the last day of early voting.** (S1552/Myrie)

- **Ensure the timely implementation of Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) and Online Voter Registration (OVR).** We fought hard to pass AVR and OVR and the New York State Board of Elections (NYSBOE) must move quickly to implement both tools that will facilitate voter registration.

- **New York is one of the few states that does not provide consistent nor significant state funding for election administration.** An annual dedicated budget line should be created to support local Boards of Elections efforts to smoothly hold elections.

- **Improve procedure for approving voting equipment.** Ensuring that machines read only the portion of ballots marked by voters and that cost and security can be considered in the certification process.

- **Permanent expanded definition of “temporary illness” for absentee voting.**

- **Uniform procedures for voting while in jail.** Citizens who are in jail have the right to vote, but are often prevented from voting because the local jurisdiction in control of the jail has no procedures in place.

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PROTECT OUR DEMOCRACY

● **New York must move quickly to repeal our Article V Resolutions.** Article V resolutions are aged legislative resolutions calling for a federal constitutional convention. These old resolutions do not by their terms have any expiration date. Extremist entities seeking to call a constitutional convention to hobble the federal government argue that these old resolutions serve to New York as approving a constitutional convention bringing the total count close to the needed 34 states.

● **Board of Elections reform.** Professionalizing and reducing partisanship in election administration is an essential component to improving our elections.

● **Cap on legislators outside income.** Now that the Salary Commission procedure has been upheld by New York courts, the request to cap outside income accompanying the salary increase should be addressed.

STRENGTHEN CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS

● **Reduce the corrosiveness of money in politics and enhance public trust in our government by passing:**
  ○ S940 (Krueger) which would increase lobbyist disclosures
  ○ S2546 (Rivera) which would increase employer disclosure requirements for campaign contributions
  ○ S483A (Myrie) prohibit campaign contributions from individuals or organizations while bidding on state contracts

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