Common Cause New York has been leading the fight to make our democracy and government work for all New Yorkers. Our 60,000+ 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**

- **New York should join the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC),** a nonprofit, nonpartisan membership organization of states that share voter roll data to maintain more accurate voter rolls. (S6173B Skoufis/A7052C Silitti)

- **Allow New Yorkers to provide water and snacks to voters at poll sites or while in line to vote.** (S616 Myrie/A1346 Simon)

- **Guarantees the use of voter verifiable paper ballots in elections.** (A5934B Cunningham/S6169B Cleare)

- **Move New York City’s municipal elections to even years.** New York’s local elections suffer from low turnout during a very off year election. Moving local elections to an even year, either during congressional or presidential elections, would increase voter participation.

- **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.

**PROTECT OUR DEMOCRACY**

- **Allow for nonpartisan poll monitors during in-person voting.** Nonpartisan monitors will assist voters and help problem solve. This will increase confidence in the integrity and transparency of our elections. (A2408B Paulin/S5193B Skoufis)

- **Increase candidate disclosures.** Voters deserve to have elected officials who tell the truth. Candidates will have to disclose their military service, recent employment history, education and confirm their in-district residence. (A5358C Sillitti/S5884C Liu)
- **Improve FOIL process.** The general public has a right to timely responses from state agencies in regards to FOIL requests. This bill would require reasonable response timelines. (A8586 Raga/S8128 Skoufis)

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

- **Reduce legislators outside income.** The State Legislature must enact a ban on income earned through certain professions and a cap of up to 15% on certain permissible outside income from select professions.

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**STRENGTHEN CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS**

- **Reduce the corrosiveness of money in politics and enhance public trust in our government by passing:**
  - Prohibit campaign contributions from individuals or organizations while bidding on state contracts. (A2408-A Paulin/S5193-A Skoufis)