



2021 BALLOT PROPOSITIONS: GET THE FACTS!

On Election Day, 11/2, in addition to choosing among candidates for several important local offices, voters will be asked to decide on five separate propositions to amend New York's State Constitution.

Some of the most important votes you have to make are on the BACK of your ballot. Please remember to vote (on / against) propositions that would radically change our election system and your representation in Albany.

PROPOSITION 1: REDISTRICTING

This would reverse some of the key reforms already approved by voters to help remove politics from the once-a-decade process of redrawing state Legislative and Congressional district lines, reflecting changes recorded in the most recent federal Census. Those earlier reforms, approved overwhelmingly by voters in a 2014 referendum, sought to reduce the influence of political parties in New York State and make the redistricting process more independent.

PROPOSITION 2: CLEANER ENVIRONMENT

This proposal would amend New York's Bill of Rights to include a right to a clean environment.

PROPOSITION 3: SAME-DAY VOTER REGISTRATION

This proposal seeks to eliminate safeguards that protect the integrity of the ballot box by removing the reasonable 10-day registration requirement prior to casting a ballot. The current safeguard allows Boards of Elections to determine a person's voting eligibility — for example, by ensuring they are registered in the proper district and haven't already voted in another location.

PROPOSITION 4: "NO EXCUSE" ABSENTEE VOTING

Existing law limits absentee voting to the sick or disabled, or individuals otherwise unable to make it to the polling place, including members of the military. This proposal would allow for "no excuse" absentee voting, removing existing limitations on who is eligible for an absentee ballot.

PROPOSITION 5: NYC CIVIL COURT

This proposal applies only to Civil Courts in NYC and doubles the monetary limits for cases to \$50,000, the first such increase in 38 years. Expanding access to Civil Courts helps ensure plaintiffs their day in court, while reducing expenses both to claimants and taxpayers. This proposal passed both houses of the Legislature unanimously.