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Election Law Proposals for 2024

The following is a brief description of the State Board of Elections' legislative proposals to address the administration of elections.

- SBOE 24-01 **Special Ballot For Election Day Health-Related Exigency:** Allows board of elections to issue a special ballot on Election Day for a person who is unable to go to the polls because of a health related exigency arising on or after the day before the election.
- SBOE 24-02 **Local Registration Repeal:** Local registration dates to an era when voters registered before each election event. In the modern era of expanded and permanent registration, these provisions serve no continued utility.
- SBOE 24-03 **Relates to LLC Attribution Statement:** Requires LLC ownership attribution statement to be filed within week of the first LLC contribution and provides a penalty for non-filing.
- SBOE 24-04 **Election Day Start Time for Poll Workers:** Requires poll workers to arrive at the poll site one (as opposed to ½) hour prior to the opening of the polls on Election Day.
- SBOE 24-05 **Publication of Election Results:** Eliminate the outdated and costly requirement that certified election results be printed in certain legal ads.
- SBOE 24-06 **Publication by Advertising Website Notice:** Provides newspaper advertising requirements are satisfied by publishing description of notice and where to find the notice on the board of elections' website, provided the board of elections upon request would provide the information by mail or other means.
- SBOE 24-07 **Multiple Vacancies For Same Office:** Provides that when an office is on the ballot to fill both a vacancy for the remainder of the current year as well as a new term, the office will appear only once on the primary ballot and general election ballot.

- SBOE 24-08 **Election Day Non-Instruction Day at Schools:** To make schools more accessible as polling sites, provides that schools will not schedule regular instruction on the day of the general election or primary day in New York City.
- SBOE 24-09 **Voting Systems Use:** Provides that boards of elections shall, whenever possible, make voting equipment available to municipalities conducting elections and empowers boards to charge expenses to such municipalities.
- SBOE 24-10 **Village Caucuses Relating To Elections Held in November:** Clarifies statute to ensure there is no legal ambiguity as to the ability of parties to use caucuses in the same manner available to towns for the purpose of making village nominations.
- SBOE 24-11 **Training for New Election Officials:** Requires new election officials receive introductory training and an annual update not to exceed three hours.
- SBOE 24-12 **Clarify Town Caucus Voter Participant Cannot Sign Independent Nominating Petition:** Provides for filing of list of town caucus participants.
- SBOE 24-13 **Filing Exclusion For Under \$1,000 Expenditure in Small Jurisdictions To Include All Political Subdivisions With Population Under Ten Thousand.**
- SBOE 24-14 **Amends 14-116 to Clarify Inapplicability to Independent Expenditure Committees:** The current limitation on corporate contributions as applied to independent expenditures was held unconstitutional. This proposal removes the unconstitutional application of this provision.
- SBOE 24-15 **Repeal Individual Aggregate Limits, Election Law 14-114 (8):** The current limitation on individual aggregate contributions was held unconstitutional. This proposal removes the unconstitutional provision.
- SBOE 24-16 **Repeal Per Capita Party Spending Limit, Election Law 14-114 (5):** The current spending limit on certain party contributions is unconstitutional. This proposal removes the unconstitutional provision.
- SBOE 24-17 **Change 72 Hour Filing Requirement For Convention Minutes to Three Days:** Conforms election law filing deadlines to all be measured in days.
- SBOE 24-18 **Change Deadlines for Special Presidential Ballots:** Conforms the deadlines for Special Presidential Ballot applications to the regular absentee application deadlines.
- SBOE 24-19 **Clarify Affidavit Ballot In Information Notice Statute:** Change the term "paper ballot" in Election Law section 4-117 to "affidavit ballot" since lever voting machines are no longer used. "Affidavit ballot" is now the appropriate term and changing to this will be less confusing to voters.

- SBOE 24-20 **Failure to File Campaign Finance Disclosure Statements:** Authorize the Enforcement Counsel to commence a special proceeding for failure to timely file campaign finance disclosure statements without having to refer the matter to a hearing officer.
- SBOE 24-21 **Clarify That Committee Contests Appear on All Ballots:** Remove language that excludes certain committee contests from certain ballots to harmonize with prior legislative enactments.
- SBOE 24-22 **Provide Accessible Ballot Permanent Status:** Allow those qualifying for use of accessible ballot to qualify for permanent status.
- SBOE 24-23 **Extend Enrollment Change Freeze Window:** Extend the end of the enrollment change freeze period from one week after the June Primary to five weeks after the June primary.
- SBOE 24-24 **Statement of Voter Seeking Assistance Due to Disability Is Self-Authenticating:** Remove anachronistic language related to voters seeking assistance in voting.
- SBOE 24-25 **Sample Ballots Posted On Board's Website At Least 12 Days Before Election:** Ensure exemplar ballots are posted at least 12 days before the election which they relate.
- SBOE 24-26 **Require Election Results To Be Transmitted to Municipal Clerks:** Ensure election results are transmitted by boards of elections to municipal clerks within their jurisdiction.