

2023

VOTERS GUIDE

Part II ~ Facts For Voters



General Election
Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023



HOW DO I REGISTER?

- Online at: www.elections.ny.gov/OnlineVoterReg.html

HOW DO I MAKE SURE I AM REGISTERED TO VOTE AND WHERE DO I VOTE?

- Visit Voter Registration Search site on the NYS Board of Elections (BOE) website (elections.ny.gov) and click on Poll Site and Voter Lookup in middle box
- Call your county BOE
- Check postcard sent by county BOE prior to election with polling site location, dates of election and more

HOW DO I VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT?

You may apply for an absentee ballot in any of the following ways:

- By using the online Absentee Ballot Application portal at elections.ny.gov and click on Absentee Voting on left side panel
- If you are visually impaired and require a ballot with accessible features, you may apply by using the online Accessible Absentee Ballot Application portal at elections.ny.gov and click on Absentee Voting on left side panel
- By going in person to your local county board of elections
- By designating another person to deliver your application in person to your local county board of elections and receive your ballot
- Return absentee ballot once received and completed; follow instructions provided

WHERE DO I FIND BALLOT AND CANDIDATE INFORMATION?

- Go to www.vote411.org, the League's electronic voter guide



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PROPOSAL NUMBER 1

Removal of Small City School Districts From Special Constitutional Debt Limitation

Description of Proposal

The State Constitution limits how much debt a small city (a city with less than 125,000 people) school district, can incur. State law says their debt cannot be greater than five percent of the value of taxable real property; all other school districts' debt cannot be greater than ten percent. If this Constitutional Amendment passes, small city school districts would be eligible to have the same debt limit as other school districts as determined by state law.

Question as it Will Appear on the Ballot

The proposed amendment to Article 8, section 4 of the Constitution removes the special constitutional debt limitation now placed on small city school districts, so they will be treated the same as all other school districts. Shall the proposed amendment be approved?

PROPOSAL NUMBER 2

Extending Sewage Project Debt Exclusion From Debt Limit Description of Proposal

The State Constitution limits the debt counties, cities, towns, and villages can incur. This debt limit has an exception to not include debt for sewage treatment and disposal construction projects. The current sewer debt exception expires on January 1, 2024. This amendment extends the sewer debt exception for ten more years until January 1, 2034.

Question as it Will Appear on the Ballot

The proposed amendment to Article 8, section 5 of the Constitution extends for ten years the authority of counties, cities, towns, and villages to remove from their constitutional debt limits debt for the construction of sewage facilities. Shall the proposed amendment be approved?

COUNTDOWN TO ELECTION DAY 2023

GENERAL ELECTION DATES

Nov. 7 – General Election

Oct. 28-Nov 5 – Days of Early Voting

VOTER REGISTRATION FOR GENERAL ELECTION

Oct. 23 – Last day for BOE to receive change of address

Oct. 28 – Last day voter registration must be received by BOE to be eligible to vote in general election

ABSENTEE VOTING FOR GENERAL ELECTION

Oct. 23 – Last day for BOE to RECEIVE application or letter of application by mail or online portal for general election ballot

Nov. 6 – Last day to apply in person for general election ballot.

Nov. 7 – Last day to postmark general election ballot. Must be received by the county board no later than Nov 14th

Nov. 7 – Last day to deliver general election ballot in person to your county board or your poll site, by close of polls on election day