



## NYDLC November 2020 COVID-Related Legislative Wishlist

Last Updated: July 22, 2020 at 5pm

- 1) Certainty Around Voters' Ability to Vote Absentee due to COVID-19 - must be passed ASAP for BOEs to operationalize:
  - a) [S8015D](#) (Biaggi) / A10833 (Dinowitz) [PASSED SENATE]
  - b) NSA / [A10169A](#) (Dinowitz)
  
- 2) Eliminating Limited Timeframe for BOE to Accept Applications Submitted by Letter, Telefax, or Electronic Application:
  - a) [S8783](#) (Myrie) / A10807 (Taylor) [PASSED; AWAITING GOVERNOR SIGNATURE]
  
- 3) Compelling BOE to Act Immediately Upon Receipt of Application: Not-yet-introduced bill to require the Board to send a ballot to a voter as soon as practicable following receipt of an application, determination of the application's validity, and the ballot's certification.
  
- 4) Require BOE to Begin Counting Absentees Immediately: Not-yet-introduced bill to require the Board to start counting absentee ballots immediately following Election Day. Alternatively (or as a complement), require the Boards to rule on an absentee ballot's eligibility immediately upon receipt.
  
- 5) Technical Fixes to Absentee Ballot Disqualification
  - a. [S8368](#) (Myrie) / A10744 (Paulin): protects ballots where voters' intent is unambiguous.
  - b. [S8369](#) (Myrie) / A10746 (Paulin): deals with methods for sealing absentee ballots.
  - c. [S8370](#) (Myrie) / A10830 (Lavine): allows for absentee ballot curing process due to observer challenge [PASSED SENATE].
  - d. [S8367](#) (Myrie) / NSA (Paulin TBD): deals with absentee ballot postmarking issues.
  - e. [S8799](#) (Gianaris) / A10808A (Bichotte): deals with absentee ballot postmarking issues [PASSED SENATE].
  
- 6) Provide a return postage guaranteed envelope with absentee ballots - IF postmark issue (S8367 (Myrie)) is fixed
  - a) [S8004](#) (Sanders) / A2327 (Dinowitz)
  
- 7) Increase Minimum Number of Early Voting Sites to 10
  - a) [S6922](#) (Kaplan) / A9791 (Lavine) [PASSED SENATE]