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Early Voting Begins on October 26th in New York!

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This past legislative session has seen many reforms to New York State's voting infrastructure, through legislation as well as the 2019-20 fiscal budget. Here are some of the major reforms that are now law:

- **Early Voting** reform allows for primary and general elections to be open 10 days prior to Election Day. Opening up the opportunity to vote for a lot more New Yorkers.
- **Consolidation of State and Federal Primaries** into a single date to comply with the federal Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment (MOVE) Act.

- **Voter Registration Transfer** requires the Board of Elections to transfer the registration and enrollment of a voter to wherever they move in NYS
- **Close the LLC Loophole.** LLCs will now have the same aggregate contribution limit of \$5,000 that applies to corporations; and increase transparency by requiring disclosure of the identity of individuals with membership interests in LLCs and attribute contributions to members of LLCs.
- **Pre-Registration of Eligible 16 –Year-Olds**, which would automatically make them registered voters by the time they reach the age of 18.
- **Extend Party Registration** Deadline to February 14th to allow more time for a voter to enroll in a party prior to a primary election.
- **All statewide primary poll sites** will now be open from 6am to 9pm, creating a more uniform process across the state.
- **Establishes a temporary Public Campaign Financing and Election Commission** to make recommendations for the implementation of a voluntary public campaign financing system for statewide public offices. The Commission has to report to the Legislature by December 1, 2019, said recommendation shall become law by December 22, 2019 unless overturned by the legislature

For more information on the new election reforms and the Early Voting process, including polling locations and times in Brooklyn, click [here](#).