

## Testimony on PPGG Voting and Campaign Finance Proposals Moved to Local Government Joint Legislative Hearing

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Reinvent Albany advocates for transparent and accountable government. We applaud the Legislature for passing so much voting rights legislation over the past few years, and ask that the Senate and Assembly support the following in your one-house budgets:

- Part N of Public Protection and General Government (PPGG) 10 Day Voter Registration Deadline
- **Part O Require Polling Sites on College Campuses -** We support the calls from advocates to expand this proposal to include early voting, as in the original bill, <u>S4658 (Parker) / A454-A (Rozic)</u>.
- Full funding for the NYS public campaign finance program The executive budget includes \$10.53 million for administering the new public campaign finance program, and \$10 million in Aid to Localities for matching funds. We ask that the amount for matching be increased to \$40 million to ensure that there is enough funding when the program begins in November.
- **Board of Elections reform** We support the Let NY Vote coalition's call to replace the New York State and City Boards of Elections with an independent, professional agency.

Thank you for allowing us to submit written testimony. Please send any questions to Tom Speaker at tom [at] reinventalbany.org.