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New York State Board of Elections Launches Online Voter Registration Portal

ALBANY, N.Y. (May 31, 2023) The New York State Board of Elections announces the release of Online Voter Registration. The website, which can be accessed at nyovr.elections.ny.gov, allows New York State residents to register to vote for the first time or update their voter registration including their name, address, or party affiliation.

“We are pleased to announce the successful launch of Online Voter Registration in New York State. The Board’s new portal marks the further modernization of New York’s election processes and ensures that New York residents can register online even if they do not have a DMV issued ID or license.” Said Commissioner Douglas Kellner.

The release of the Online Voter Registration comes after the passage of a 2019 law allowing for the creation of an electronic voter registration system. Any New York State resident eligible to vote can visit the website, input their information including their name, address, and date of birth, and get registered to vote.

“Voter registration continues to be a barrier preventing New York State residents from participating in elections. Based on the 2020 Census results, only 80% of voting aged New Yorkers are registered to vote. The new Online Voter Registration system will help further enfranchise voters by allowing any resident to register to vote without needing to mail a paper form.” Said Commissioner Andrew Spano.

While the portal is open to any New York State resident, the New York City Board of Elections has also launched an Online Voter Registration system. New York City residents are recommended to use the NYC system by visiting e-register.vote.nyc. Voters with a DMV issued ID or license can also choose to register online using the DMV’s portal.

In order to ensure the highest level of data security, the State Board’s Online Voter Registration system is utilizing the NY.gov sign in platform. New Yorkers can create an NY.gov account or use their existing account to access the Online Voter Registration portal.

After logging in to NY.gov, the voter will have the ability to change their registration or submit a new registration. NY.gov is used by several of other state entities including DMV, Department of Labor, Department of Tax, and the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance.

"The launch of the Online Voter Registration portal seeks to expand voter registration opportunities while still maintaining the integrity of the voting process." said Commissioner Peter S. Kosinski

To further confirm the voter's identity, the portal allows the voter to sign their registration using a digital signature pad or by uploading an image of their signature. Voters who are already registered can also opt to use their signature that is already on file with the state.

"Maintaining accurate voter rolls is a top priority for election officials in New York State. The launch of Online Voter Registration will expand our current procedures and help ensure the integrity of our electoral process." said Commissioner Anthony J. Casale

Once the voter submits their registration through Online Voter Registration, their information will be sent to their County Board of Elections. The County Board of Elections will verify the voter's information and signature and complete the registration process. Voters should expect their electronic registration to be processed within a few business days.

"Over the last 5 years, New York State has made major progress in modernizing all aspects of election procedures and processes. Nine days of early voting, reducing the deadline to register, and now, Online Voter Registration, are all monumental accomplishments that have made voting in New York more accessible than ever before." Said Kristen Zebrowski Stavisky, Co-Executive Director of the New York State Board of Elections.

The next election will be the 2023 State and Local Primary which will be held on Tuesday, June 27. Early voting will take place from Saturday, June 17 to Sunday, June 25. The deadline to register to vote for the June Primary is Saturday, June 17. For more information visit www.elections.ny.gov

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