FLEXIBILITY TO CHANGE PARTY AFFILIATION

Voting is a fundamental right and should be accessible to all New Yorkers, without unnecessary barriers placed in the way of voters who want to participate and have their voices heard. That's why the Let NY Vote coalition is pushing to change New York’s excessively long deadline for changing party registration.

NEW YORK'S PARTY ENROLLMENT DEADLINE IS AN OUTLIER AND UNFAIRLY DISENFRANCHISES VOTERS

49 States have open primaries or allow voters to change of their party close to Election Day. New York has neither. Instead, New York has the most restrictive deadline in the country, eleven months before which disenfranchises thousands of voters every cycle.

NEW YORK'S REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS ROB NEW YORKERS OF THEIR FULL DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS

Flexibility is necessary to give voters time to make an informed decision. It is simply not reasonable to expect voters to know who their choice will be almost a year before the state primary or 6 months before the presidential primary. In a state with perpetual low voter turnout—particularly in primaries—the unreasonable deadline increases voter cynicism and alienation. Fears of “party-raiding”, the deliberate act of switching political parties to effect the outcome of a race, are overblown.

Who Is Let NY Vote?

Let NY Vote is a statewide coalition of grassroots groups, established organizations, and everyday citizens fighting to modernize New York’s elections. Our goal is to pass simple solutions to improve our elections and make registering and voting more accessible and equitable for all eligible New Yorkers.

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