

*Assembly – Summary of Recommended Changes  
to the Executive Budget  
April 12, 2019*

**Recommended Changes to the Executive Budget  
State Board of Elections**

The Legislature provides an All Funds appropriation of \$36.26 million, an increase of \$24.7 million over the Executive proposal.

**State Operations**

- The Legislature modifies a \$5 million reappropriation to ensure the Board of Elections has sufficient funding to support its operations, which includes campaign finance compliance, national voter registration act training, and election technology systems operations.

**Aid to Localities**

- The Legislature provides \$10 million to offset costs incurred by counties associated with early voting.

**Capital Projects**

- The Legislature provides \$14.7 million for the purchase of electronic poll books and on demand ballot printers.

**Article VII**

- The Legislature accepts the Executive proposal to increase the time allotted, without loss of pay, for an employee to vote in any election from two to three hours.
- The Legislature accepts the Executive proposal to make the primary hours among all counties consistent, requiring polls to be open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- The Legislature accepts the Executive proposal to prohibit lobbyists, political action committees, labor unions and independent expenditure committees from making loans to candidates for political office.
- The Legislature modifies the Executive proposal to authorize counties to use computer generated lists (electronic poll books) that have been approved and certified by the State Board of Elections by adding redundancy and security standards.

- The Legislature modifies the Executive proposal to provide for an electronic voter registration system, to include provisions to address when a voter does not provide an exemplar signature to allow such voter to vote via affidavit ballot.
- ✓ • The Legislature establishes a commission to evaluate and provide recommendations by December 1, 2019 to implement a voluntary public campaign finance system for statewide and state legislative offices.
- The Legislature does not include an Executive proposal to establish a system for early voting because this provision has already been signed into law (Chapter 6, Laws of 2019).
- The Legislature does not include an Executive proposal to combine the federal and state primaries held on the fourth Tuesday in June because this provision has already been signed into law (Chapter 5, Laws of 2019).
- The Legislature does not include an Executive proposal to prohibit limited liability companies and corporations from making political expenditures and contributions except in the form of contributions to independent expenditure committees because a similar provision has already been signed into law (Chapter 4, Laws of 2019).
- The Legislature does not include an Executive proposal to facilitate transfers of voter registration for those who move within the state from one county to another or out of the City of New York because this provision has already been signed into law (Chapter 3, Laws of 2019).
- The Legislature does not include an Executive proposal to require voter registration forms to include a space for pre-registering applicants at least 16 years of age because this provision has already been signed into law (Chapter 2, Laws of 2019).