

2022 Election Reform and Voting Rights Bills Signed Into Law

"Wrong Church" bill (S284C/A642C): Requires counting affidavit ballots of eligible voters if a voter appears at a polling place in the correct Assembly district but in the incorrect election district.

Voter registration deadline (S2591A/A8858A): Reduces the time for mailing and receipt of registration application from 25 days to 10 days (constitutional minimum).

Absentee ballots with stray marks or writing will be counted as long as the express intent of the voter is unambiguous.

Absentee ballot envelopes must be pre-paid. This was passed in the state budget and includes funding.

Absentee ballot eligibility extended through 2022 (temporary illness includes being unable to appear due to risk of contracting or spreading a communicable disease like COVID-19).

Registration changed to 10 days: Starting 1/1/2023, a person can register to vote up to 10 days before the election, which is the first day of early voting.

Polling places on college campuses: This was passed in the state budget. It is for students that are registered to vote on the campus. The number of polling places on campus is determined by the number of students living in the dorms.

Prohibits "independent" in the name of a political party.

Allows the voter registration record of victims of sexual violence to be kept private.

An individual with non-binary identity can take party positions. (Currently the law requires one male and one female.)