

**FY 2019 NEW YORK STATE EXECUTIVE BUDGET**

**SAME DAY VOTER REGISTRATION  
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

**MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT**

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A BUDGET BILL submitted by the Governor in  
Accordance with Article VII of the Constitution

### CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

proposing an amendment to section 5  
of article 2 of the constitution, in  
relation to voter registration

#### Purpose:

This bill would allow New York State citizens to register and vote on the same day.

#### Summary of Provisions and Statement in Support:

Currently, New York does not allow voters to register on Election Day. This proposal would amend the New York State Constitution, subject to voter approval, to allow New Yorkers to register and vote on the same day so that onerous and counter-intuitive registration deadlines do not prevent citizens from having the opportunity to participate in the electoral process. Thirteen other states and the District of Columbia allow same-day registration, which has greatly increased citizen accessibility to the democratic process.

#### Budget Implications:

Enactment of this bill is necessary to implement the FY 2019 Executive Budget.

#### Effective Date:

This amendment to the State Constitution would be referred to the first regular legislative session convening after the next succeeding general election of members of the Assembly and Senate. If approved, this amendment would be submitted to voters at the next general election.