

Assembly Member Rebecca A. Seawright's

2017 Election Law Reform Package



The **five point legislative package** would increase government transparency, enhance resources provided to Election Commissioners, streamline campaign financial disclosure filings and provide greater protection to absentee and military voters.

Providing a Safe Harbor for Military, Special and Absentee ballots:

- Military, Special and Absentee ballots would be provided with a safe harbor to limit challenges to only when the application is provided to such voter by a Board of Elections. This would eliminate the ability to challenge an application when it is also returned. (A6727)

Enhancing Government Transparency:

- The public would be provided with increased information on candidates running for Statewide office, State Senate or Assembly by requiring the State Board of Elections to maintain a publicly available list of all candidate websites. (A5740)

Streamlining the filing of Campaign Financial Disclosure Reports:

- New York City local filers (Mayor, Comptroller, Public Advocate, City Council, Borough President) who file electronically with the NYC Campaign Finance Board would no longer also have to submit duplicative filings to the State Board. (A7518)
- Eliminates the \$1,000 filing threshold at the State Board of Elections to require all other State and local candidates and campaign committees to file at the State Board. (A6732)

Providing Resources to Boards of Elections:

- The State Board of Elections would annually train all Election Commissioners to ensure each Commissioner is provided with the same baseline information. (A6741)

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