



# News Release

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## Early Voting Change for Presidential Primary Election

**ALBANY, N.Y. (03/18/2024)** Since 2019, voters in New York State have been able to vote in-person before Election Day, within a nine-day Early Voting period. The State Board of Elections wants to ensure that voters across the state are aware of an important change to the Early Voting period for the 2024 Presidential Primary Election, coming up on April 2, 2024.

Per legislation passed by the State Legislature ([A.7690/S.7550](#)) and signed by Governor Hochul last September (Chapter 474 of the Laws of 2023) regarding the 2024 Presidential Primary Election, there is a change to the Early Voting schedule. Early Voting for this Presidential Primary Election will take place between Saturday, March 23, 2024, and Saturday, March 30, 2024. There will be no Early Voting on Sunday, March 31, 2024. For the Presidential Primary Election only, Early Voting poll sites will be open for at least nine hours on each of the eight days.

"New Yorkers have a number of ways to exercise their right to vote," stated Co-Executive Director of the State Board of Elections, Kristen Zebrowski Stavisky. "We want to ensure all eligible voters are able to vote in this Presidential Primary Election – no matter if it's in-person or by mail."

"Communicating accurate information to voters is a vital part of the Board's mission, especially when there are changes," said Raymond J. Riley III, Co-Executive Director of the State Board of Elections. "We encourage voters to contact the State Board of Elections or their local County Board of Elections for specific locations and hours for Early Voting poll sites."

Both the Democratic and Republican parties have Presidential Primary Elections on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Only voters who are enrolled in these parties are eligible to vote in this election.

Please visit the State Board of Elections website (<https://elections.ny.gov/ways-vote>) for more information on Early Voting and Election Day poll site locations and hours, as well as information about Absentee and Early Mail Ballot voting.

If you have any questions regarding this press release please contact Kathleen McGrath or Jennifer Wilson at the State Board of Elections at (518) 474-1953 or by email at [INFO@elections.ny.gov](mailto:INFO@elections.ny.gov).

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