

be open; (c) instructions on how to cast an affidavit ballot and a concise statement of a voter's right to such a ballot; (d) instructions relating to requirements for voting on voting machines by those registrants who must provide identification pursuant to the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002; (e) instructions for first-time voters; (f) a voter's bill of rights describing voter's rights under applicable federal and state law, including the right of accessibility and alternate language accessibility; (g) information pertaining to voting by paper ballot, including information about the consequence of casting an overvote, steps to prevent unintentional undervoting and spoiled ballots; (h) instructions on how to contact the appropriate officials if a voter's right to vote or right to otherwise participate in the electoral process has been violated; and (i) general information on federal and state laws regarding prohibitions on acts of fraud and misrepresentation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York supports newly amended Chapter 263 of the Laws of New York, 2003, regarding the posting of information relevant to the electoral process, in conformance with the Help America Vote Act of 2002; and be it further

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York urges the adoption of an explicit Voter's Bill of Rights that fully informs the electorate of their fundamental right to cast their vote, including the following rights:

Voter's Bill of Rights

Every voter shall have the right to:

1. Non-discriminatory equal access to voting;
2. Inspect an accurate and informative sample ballot before voting;
3. Request and receive a demonstration of proper use of the voting machine prior to voting;
4. Request and receive assistance from a bipartisan team of poll workers who must provide aid without influencing your vote, or from anyone you choose, other than your employer or union representative;
5. Vote by affidavit ballot at the polling place in the election district where you live, and have your vote counted if the election officials can confirm that you live in that district;
6. Vote by regular ballot after signing a form correcting your name or updating your address if you have changed your name or moved within the same election district since the last general election;
7. Register one time and not be removed from the list of registered voters due to failure to vote so long as you reside at the address for which you originally registered;
8. Be informed by local election officials before your name is purged from the state's voting records, and be informed of the process for challenging such a purge at least 90 days before the election;
9. Be informed of the process for restoring your right to vote if you lose that right due to conviction of a crime;
10. Vote outside of your polling place within 50 feet of the entrance to the building if you are elderly or disabled;
11. Vote independently and in privacy at a polling place, regardless of physical disability;
12. Vote by paper emergency ballot if the voting machine is broken or otherwise not operable when you come to vote;
13. Receive and use a replacement ballot, if your ballot is defective, mutilated, or spoiled, or if you make a mistake and you have not cast your ballot;
14. Vote even if you are unable to sign your name because of a disability, though you may be required to demonstrate the existence of your disability;
15. Receive assistance if you cannot read, or operate the voting machines because of a disability, or are visually impaired;
16. Bring a minor or disabled child into the voting booth with you;
17. Demand translation in Spanish, Chinese, or Korean at designated polling places;
18. Vote or wait to vote in a manner free of intimidation and coercion, without anyone electioneering or otherwise attempting to influence your vote in the polling place or in any public street within a 100 foot radius of the polling place;
19. Vote, even if your eligibility to vote is challenged by election officials or your name is not on the registration lists;
20. Vote, even if you have been convicted of a felony but have served the full length of your sentence, including any period of parole, were not sentenced to a prison term or have had that prison term suspended, and have registered to vote since that time;
21. Vote if you are in line when the polls close at 9 pm, or at any other time between 6 am and 9 pm; and
22. File a complaint with the state board of elections to enforce these rights.

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