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Voting Rights and Election Protections

NY State Attorney General's Election Hotline: 866-390-2992 and [complaint form](#):

<https://ag.ny.gov/election-hotline-guide> (live during early voting and on Election Day)

Also: votingrights@ag.ny.gov, 212-416-9818.

New York State **Voter's Bill of Rights**: <https://www.vote.nyc/page/voters-rights>

National Election Protection Hotline: 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683); 888-VE-Y-VOTA (Spanish), 888-API-VOTE (Asian languages), 844-YALLA-US (Arabic). Also report voting problems to local officials.

Threats to fair elections:

President Trump has signaled his intent to compromise or control the 2026 midterms and, if possible, all future elections. He will likely continue to falsely claim there is illegal voting, especially by immigrants and undocumented residents, that elections are rigged, and that national security is at stake. (He has previously claimed that Iran, Venezuela, China, Italy, Cuba and Germany have sabotaged our elections.)

He has decreased staff and support for cybersecurity, infrastructure, information sharing, election security, safeguards against foreign and domestic interference, and the DOJ's Civil Rights Division. He has issued orders to decertify current voting systems, report on voting machine security, and prosecute alleged election crimes, including against election officials who expand voter access.

He has demanded voter data from 44 states (and sued 24, including NY, for failure to comply) to try to illegally purge voter rolls, attempted to redistrict Democrats out of their seats, and threatened to bring ICE and military units to polling places to intimidate voters. After the election, he may try to prevent certification of results or use the DOJ to seize ballots and voting machines, as he recently did in Georgia. While districts must comply or challenge a warrant, there is no open-ended federal authority to seize ballots or equipment.

STATES have a critical role in safeguarding elections. They're using tools such as legislation, voting system audits, backup plans, interstate coalitions, law enforcement training, bans on weapons, protection for election officials (nearly 1 in 3 have faced threats), communication with each other and the public, and legal remedies.

Despite loss of funding, they are sharing best practices through formal and informal, bipartisan networks. Some have instituted protections for election workers, voter data, voting rights, access to courts, voter registration rules, and state election authority. Legal suits by interstate (including NY) and intergroup partnerships have succeeded in permanently blocking some provisions of Trump's March 2025 Executive Order.

New York

The 2022 John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act of New York ([NYVRA](#)) protects voters from vote dilution, voter suppression, intimidation, deception, and obstruction, and requires some local jurisdictions (including NY City) to get "pre-clearance" for new voting regulations. [Factsheets](#) (various languages).

[Let NY Vote](#) has worked intensively since 2019 to win a series of important victories for NY voters, including early voting, online registration, no excuse absentee voting, and other reforms.

In 2026, Gov. Kathy Hochul announced a new Office of Digital Innovation, Governance, Integrity & Trust (DIGIT) and initiatives for data privacy, and against deceptive AI political content, voter suppression, and foreign donations in elections.