



**ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON ELECTION LAW**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**ORAL TESTIMONY BY INVITATION ONLY**

**SUBJECT:** Enhancing voter accessibility.

**PURPOSE:** To examine solutions to make voting, in person and absentee, more accessible for all voters, including early voting and no-excuse ballots.

ALBANY  
Wednesday  
November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
10:30 a.m.  
Hearing Room C, LOB  
Albany, NY

The Committee will take testimony relating to the range of issues associated with enhancing accessibility to the polls, including allowing early voting and no-excuse absentee ballots for voters and the effects of such proposals on the State budget.

Persons invited to present pertinent testimony to the Committee at the above hearing should complete and return the enclosed reply form as soon as possible. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned so that persons may be notified in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation.

Oral testimony will be limited to ten minutes' duration. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committee will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to Committee staff as early as possible.

Ten copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk. The Committee would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements.

In order to further publicize these hearings, please inform interested parties and organizations of the Committee's interest in hearing testimony from all sources.

In order to meet the needs of those who may have a disability, the Assembly, in accordance with its policy of non-discrimination on the basis of disability, as well as the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), has made its facilities and services available to all individuals with disabilities. For individuals with disabilities, accommodations will be provided, upon reasonable request, to afford such individuals access and admission to Assembly facilities and activities.

**Michael J. Cusick  
Member of Assembly  
Chairman  
Committee on Election Law**

PUBLIC HEARING REPLY FORM

Persons invited to testify at the public hearing on examining solutions to make voting, in person and absentee, more accessible for all voters, including early voting and no-excuse absentee ballots, and the effect of such proposals on the state budget are requested to complete this reply form as soon as possible and mail , e-mail or fax it to:

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- I plan to attend the following public hearing on examining solutions to make voting, in person and absentee, more accessible for all voters, including early voting and no-excuse absentee ballots, and the effect of such proposals on the state budget to be conducted by the Assembly Committee on Election Law on November 18, 2015.
- I have been invited to make a public statement at the hearing. My statement will be limited to ten minutes, and I will answer any questions which may arise. I will provide 10 copies of my prepared statement.
- I will address my remarks to the following subjects:

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- I do not plan to attend the above hearing.
- I would like to be added to the Committee mailing list for notices and reports.
- I would like to be removed from the Committee mailing list.
- I will require assistance and/or handicapped accessibility information. **Please specify the type of assistance required:** \_\_\_\_\_

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