

FY 2018 NEW YORK STATE EXECUTIVE BUDGET

**ESTABLISH SAME DAY VOTER REGISTRATION
CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

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A BUDGET BILL submitted by the Governor in
Accordance with Article VII of the Constitution

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

proposing an amendment to section 5
of article 2 of the constitution, in
relation to voter registration

Purpose:

This bill would allow New Yorkers to register and vote on the same day.

Summary of Provisions and Statement in Support:

Currently, New York does not allow voters to register on Election Day. This proposal would amend the New York State Constitution, subject to voter approval, to allow New Yorkers to register and vote on the same day so that onerous and counter-intuitive registration deadlines do not prevent New Yorkers from having the opportunity to participate in the electoral process. Thirteen other states and the District of Columbia allow same-day registration, which has greatly increased the accessibility of the democratic process to everyday citizens.

Budget Implications:

Enactment of this bill is necessary to implement the FY 2018 Executive Budget.

Effective Date:

This amendment to the State Constitution would be referred to the first regular legislative session convening after the next succeeding general election of members of the Assembly and Senate. If approved, this amendment would be submitted to voters at the next general election.