



CITIZENS UNION OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
Testimony to the State Assembly Committee on Election Law
Regarding In-Person Voting in New York State
December 14, 2012

Good morning Chair Cusick and members of the Assembly. My name is Alex Camarda, and I am the Director of Public Policy & Advocacy for Citizens Union of the City of New York. I am joined by Rachael Fauss, CU's Policy and Research Manager. Citizens Union is a nonpartisan good government group dedicated to making democracy work for all New Yorkers. We appreciate the opportunity to present our view about how to making in-person voting in New York less burdensome and more efficient.

Having testified before this committee last year at this time, there unfortunately has been little progress made by state government in terms of improving the experiences that voters have on Election Day. We would like to emphasize that we believe 2013 is a crucial time to enact reforms to improve elections in New York State. With this year's presidential election, many voters were using the state's new voting machines for the first time. For too many voters, this new process – coupled with the inefficient administration of elections and unprecedented challenges brought by Hurricane Sandy – did not occur with ease, nor did it inspire their full confidence. The state should learn from these problems, with the Assembly being a leader in this regard by passing many of the important election bills that already have been introduced and have widespread support from civic groups and the public.

Our testimony today includes a brief review of the major problems that were encountered on Election Day and presents reforms to improve the voting process—both on Election Day and before voters go to the polls. Also attached to this testimony as an Appendix is research conducted by Citizen Union regarding the posting of sample ballots online by local boards of elections.

I. Election Day Problems

Citizens Union recognizes that this year's General Election was unprecedented on many levels and boards of elections across the state faced substantial challenges in running a smoothly administered election. It is clear, however, that many of the problems that were encountered are systemic, though they may have been exacerbated by the difficulties presented by Hurricane Sandy.

We presented detailed testimony regarding problems encountered in New York City on Election Day last week to the City Council Governmental Operations Committee, which

is attached to this testimony for your review.¹ To summarize, some of the main problems encountered by voters on Election Day in New York City were the following:

- 1. Long lines**
- 2. Late and contradictory notification of poll site changes by the Board of Elections in the City of New York**
- 3. Delayed absentee ballot mailings**
- 4. Problems with implementation of Governor Cuomo's Executive Order**
- 5. Late poll site openings and other poll worker problems**
- 6. Equipment failures**
- 7. Ballots that could be clearer, with larger font sizes**

Citizens Union, as a membership organization, has several active members who are also poll workers. In providing feedback to us about problems that they saw, they concurred that Hurricane Sandy and implementation of the Governor's Executive Order helped to create a "perfect storm" of administrative problems, particularly when coupled with what they saw as inadequate poll working training. They noted that the process was "needlessly" complex, and failed to adequately serve voters. Among the major issues flagged by our members were the following:

- They saw the 19 hour workday as "unacceptable," recommending the implementation of split shifts. In the words of our member, "Concentration, efficiency and customer service are all negatively impacted by such a lengthy workday."
- They felt that the training did not adequately emphasize the availability of ballot marking devices (BMDs) which could address issues of ballot access, as well as problems of voters not understanding "over-" and "undervoting."
- They saw the role of the police in New York City in elections as potentially having a "chilling effect," on participation, and also noted – as has NYPD Commissioner Ray Kelly – that the police's role in transporting ballots seems to be a relic of the past.

II. Recommendations

Citizens Union, as well as its good government colleagues, have a long agenda for election reform, and support proposals to ease the voting process and improve the administration of elections. Attached to this testimony are comprehensive recommendations developed by Citizens Union in 2009 following the 2008 presidential election regarding structural, administrative and pro-voter reforms.²

In examining recommendations specific to in-person voting, Citizens Union has targeted the problems experienced by voters on Election Day, and matched them with reforms and proposed legislation. There are already many pieces of legislation in the Assembly

¹ The testimony is also available on Citizens Union's website:

<http://www.citizensunion.org/www/cu/site/hosting/Testimony/electionoversight2012.pdf>

² Available on CU's website at:

http://www.citizensunion.org/www/cu/site/hosting/Reports/CUF_ElectionReformDetailedRecommendationsMay09.pdf

which will solve the problems presented on Election Day. Citizens Union therefore urges the Committee to move forward legislation that already exists, in particular bills that are also supported by the senate leadership, and bring those to a vote in early 2013. Where legislation has not yet been drafted, we recommend that the Assembly examine whether legislation is necessary, or recommend appropriate administrative reforms to the state or local boards of election. While Citizens Union already works with the Board of Elections in the City of New York on administrative reforms, the weight of the Assembly Election Committee in recommending administrative changes may provide additional impetus for reform.

Problem	Solution	Legislation/ Administrative Proposal
1. Long Lines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Early Voting ➤ No-Excuse Absentee Voting ➤ Eliminate use of poll cards ➤ Change the check-in process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Use an electronic voter book, so that all election districts are integrated, and finding people will be easier; or ○ Instead of dividing voters by election district, have different tables for different parts of the alphabet ➤ Automate voter registration to have clean poll books (see legislation under #4 regarding affidavit ballots) 	<p><u>Legislation</u></p> <p><i>Early Voting Legislation:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A293/S1556 (Lancman/Addabbo; statute) • A1548 (Millman; presidential elections only; constitutional amendment) • A4120/S1274 (Camara/Parker; statute) • A4551/S1333 (Rivera P./Dilan; statute) • A5153 (Kavanagh; general elections only; statute) <p><i>No-Excuse Absentee Voting:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A5911/S1563 (Kavanagh/Addabbo; constitutional amendment) <p><i>Other Absentee Ballot Reform</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A4742/S544 (Kavanagh/Klein; allows for absentee voting for duties, occupation, business, personal matters or studies) <p><u>Administrative Action/Models</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poll cards no longer used in some counties; change supported by State Board of Elections Commissioner Doug Kellner and being considered by City Board of Elections

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<p>2. Confusing Ballot Design and Voters' Lack of Familiarity with the Ballot</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Redesign the ballot, with a minimum font size, clear directions and a landscape orientation ➤ Post sample ballots online 	<p><u>Legislation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A7492D (Kavanagh; "Voter Friendly Ballot Act) • A10769 (Rosenthal; requires a sample ballot to be posted online in lieu of mailings to schools) <p><u>Administrative Action/Models</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 39 of 58 local election boards post sample ballots online; 11 provide voter-tailored ballots through poll site locators
<p>3. Poll Workers Lacking Expertise</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Employ alternative recruitment methods: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ create municipal poll worker program ○ partner with CUNY, SUNY to recruit college students ➤ Professionalize training ➤ Take advantage of legislation allowing split shifts ➤ Develop poll-site specific footprint and flow charts for placement of machines and lines 	<p><u>Legislation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A4547 (Lancman; Authorizes full-time college students to act as election inspectors and poll clerks) • A4561* (Raia; allows minority parties to appoint election inspectors) <p><u>Local Legislation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Int. No. 721 (NYC Councilmember Lappin; would create a municipal poll worker recruitment program modeled on LA's successful program)
<p>4. Excessive Use of and Confusion related to Affidavit Ballots</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Automate voter registration at state agencies and the board of elections ➤ Ensure local agencies subject to State Election Law §5-211 are in compliance with the requirements of state law with regard to registering clients they serve to vote ➤ Automate voter registration for agencies subject to State Election Law §5-211 ➤ Election Day Registration 	<p><u>Legislation</u></p> <p><i>Automating Registration</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A1712D/S1974D (Kavanagh/Gianaris; "Voter Empowerment Act of 2012" which would streamline voter registration and allow for 16 year olds to pre-register to vote, among other reforms) • A8165* (Lavine; establishes the online voter registration act of 2011) • A8632/S5237* (Kavanagh/Carlucci; provides that the board of elections shall accept voter registrations electronically through its website) <p><i>Election Day Registration</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A1686/S1978 (Kavanagh/Gianaris; removes 10-day registration requirement from state constitution) • A6421/S1769A (Kavanagh/Perkins; provides that qualified persons who are not registered to vote may register and vote on election day at their polling places) <p><u>Administrative Action/Models</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governor Cuomo passed an executive order automating registration through the DMV, allowing voters to register online

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5. Lack of Information about Poll Site Changes and Basic Voting Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Allow for voters to provide their email addresses on registration forms 	<p><u>Local Legislation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Int. No. 613 (NYC Councilmember Dickens; would enable voters to voluntarily sign up for email updates to receive reminders to vote on election day and of the deadlines to register or request an absentee ballot.) <p><u>Administrative Action/Models</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The NYC Board of Elections has sent a second mailing beyond what was required by state law to voters of poll site changes; this practice should continue • Some online and mobile poll site locators in certain counties were able to provide up-to-date information about poll site changes, even with Hurricane Sandy • The NYC Board of Elections developed a mobile application, allowing voters to look up polling sites and download sample ballots
6. Lack of Accountability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Enforce executive order requiring local boards to webcast meetings as is done by the State Board ➤ Track and report district leader recruitment of poll workers ➤ Require boards to report to Mayor’s Management Report, or local equivalent ➤ Report poll site problems online in real time* ➤ Require state agencies subject to State Election Law §5-211 to code their registration forms, allowing the legislature to track the registration rates of individual agencies 	<p><u>Local Legislation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Int. No. 778 (NYC Councilmember Lander; requires the City Board of Elections to report data to the City Council conforming to the performance metrics in the Mayor’s Management and Preliminary Management Reports) • Int. No. 760 (NYC Councilmember Williams; requires the reporting of the number of coded voter registration forms processed by the board of elections from each local agency subject to the Pro-Voter Law) <p><u>Administrative Action/Models</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NYC Board of Elections provided some performance information, including recruitment numbers, in its 2011 Annual Report.

Thank you again for providing the opportunity for Citizens Union to testify. We are happy to answer any questions you might have.

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APPENDIX
Posting of Sample Ballots Online by Local Boards of Elections
2012 General Election

Citizens Union supports providing sample ballots to voters in advance of the election as a means to educate voters about the design of the ballot, and to better prepare voters for Election Day. To this end, we worked with the Board of Elections in the City of New York in 2011 to post ballots for all voters in New York City. Given voters' lack of information about basic election information, we believe that providing sample ballots online will give voters more time to view the ballot and educate themselves on the candidates running for office prior to going into the polls to vote. It may even save time at poll sites, if voters are better informed before they go in.

Citizens Union surveyed all 58 county board of elections websites, and found that 39 local boards of elections in New York State – representing two-thirds of all local boards – posted sample ballots online before the November 2012 General Election. We in particular would like to commend the boards in seven new counties for putting sample ballots online for the first time: Clinton, Delaware, Fulton, Madison, Otsego, Tioga and Washington. In spite of this encouraging development, there are still 18 or one-third of the state's local boards of elections – who serve nearly 5 million New Yorkers – which did not post sample ballots online.

Of the 39 boards of elections posting ballots online, 11 demonstrated exceptional practices by providing sample ballots through an online poll site locator, a practice that enables voters to see the ballot that is tailored to their specific election and assembly district, rather than a ballot that is similar in design but may have different candidates than voters will see on Election Day. In addition, 32 counties advertised the sample ballots on their website's home page.

Counties of all sizes have listed their sample ballots online. For example, Yates County, which has only 25,000 residents, provided sample ballots online for each of the towns in the county. Additionally, even larger counties, such as Rockland and Orange counties, provide sample ballots specific to each district. Most of the counties that do not yet provide sample ballots are smaller, though Nassau and Suffolk counties are the largest not to do so with 2.8 million people total. Many smaller counties that did post ballots online did so through a simple list of towns or districts, which may be more feasible if there are not sufficient resources to purchase an online platform for a poll site locator to tailor ballots to an individual's address.

A summary of the findings is below, and attached is a full listing of counties, as well as a state map.

Summary of Citizens Union 2012 Sample Ballot Research		
	Number of Boards	% of Boards
<i>Sample ballots provided on local board website</i>	39	67%
<i>No sample ballots provided</i>	19	33%
<i>Sample ballots advertised on local board homepage</i>	32	55%
<i>Sample ballots provided with polling place finder</i>	11	19%
<i>Counties with ballots newly posted in 2012</i>	7	N/A
Total Number of Local Boards in New York State*	58	N/A

**New York City's Board of Elections represents 5 counties/boroughs, while all other boards of elections represent a single county.*

Local Board of Elections Location	Sample Ballot Online	Advertised on homepage	Ballots provided with polling place finder	Form of Sample Ballots	Link to County Board Webpage/ Page Listing Sample Ballots	Information on how to use new voting machines	Poll site locator/change	Population (US Census 2011 Estimate)	County Budget (NYC total budget) FY 2012-2013	Funding Per Person
Allegany County	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	http://www.alleganyco.com/default.asp?show=btn_elections	Video on homepage	Only pdf list of poll sites provided	48,778	\$111,820,000	\$2,292.43
Cattaraugus County	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	http://www.cattco.org/board-elections	Link to "How to Vote poster" posted, but not on homepage	Only pdf list of poll sites provided	79,832	\$213,000,000	\$2,668.10
Franklin County	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	http://www.franklincony.org/content/Departments/View/3	None	Only list of poll sites provided on home page	51,511	\$115,000,000	\$2,232.53
Greene County	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	http://00644c9.netsolhost.com/department/election/index.htm	None	Only pdf list of poll sites provided on home page	48,954	\$99,314,000	\$2,028.72
Hamilton County	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	http://www.hamiltoncounty.com/county-government/departments-services#Elections	None	None	4,793	\$41,556	\$8.67
Herkimer County	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	http://herkimercounty.org/content/departments/View/7	None	None	64,160	\$95,244,000	\$1,484.48
Nassau County	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/boe/index.html	Video and instructions on homepage	List of poll site changes advertised on homepage	1,344,436	\$2,800,000,000	\$2,082.66
Orleans County	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	http://www.orleansny.com/Departments/PublicRecords/Elections.aspx	Link to Vote NY on homepage	Only word document with poll sites provided on homepage	46,622	\$75,500,000	\$1,619.41
Rensselaer County	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	http://www.rensco.com/departments_elections.asp	Link to Vote NY on homepage	Link to list of poll sites provided on homepage	159,395	\$312,000,000	\$1,957.40
Schoharie County	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	http://www.schohariecounty-ni.gov/CountyWebSite/BoardOfElections/boe.html	None	Link to list of poll sites provided on second page	32,578	\$59,600,000	\$1,829.46
Schuyler County	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	http://www.schuylercounty.us/boe.htm	Link to Vote NY on homepage	Look up only through NYS Voter	18,361	\$43,700,000	\$2,380.04
St. Lawrence County	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	http://www.co.st-lawrence.ny.us/Departments/BoardofElections/	None	Look up only through NYS Voter	111,690	\$235,000,000	\$2,104.04
Suffolk County	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	http://www.suffolkvotes.com/	Link to video on homepage*	Look up only through NYS Voter	1,498,816	\$2,700,000,000	\$1,801.42
Sullivan County	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	http://co.sullivan.ny.us/Departments/DepartmentsAM/ElectionsBoardof/tabid/3064/default.aspx	Link to Vote NY on homepage	Link to list of poll sites and districts on homepage	76,900	\$195,200,000	\$2,538.36
Westchester County	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	http://citizenparticipation.westchestergov.com/	None	None	955,899	\$1,720,000,000	\$1,799.35
Wyoming County	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	http://www.wyomingco.net/BOE/main.html	None	None	41,944	\$118,800,000	\$2,832.35
Erie County	No**	N/A	N/A	N/A	http://elections.erie.gov/	Link to Vote NY on homepage	Excel sheet with poll sites provided	280,985	\$1,300,000,000	\$4,626.58
Genesee County	No***	N/A	N/A	N/A	http://www.co.genesee.ny.us/departments/elections/index.html	Link to Vote NY on homepage	Link with list of all polling places provided on home page	59,993	\$141,800,000	\$2,363.61
Lewis County	No*, website lists sample ballots but links do not exist	Yes	No	N/A	http://lewiscountyny.org/content/Generic/View/107	Link to Vote NY on homepage	Look up only through NYS Voter	27,072	\$42,191,000	\$1,558.47

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Albany County	Yes	Yes	Yes	Tailored by voter address	http://www.albanycounty.com/departments/elections/	Video on homepage	Yes (List of 2012 general election poll sites and driving information to poll site also provided)	303,565	\$518,333,010	\$1,707.49
Broome County	Yes	Yes	N/A	Listed by town/election district	http://www.gobroomecounty.com/elections	Link to instructional poster on homepage	Only pdf list of poll sites provided	199,031	\$360,600,000	\$1,811.78
Cayuga County	Yes	Yes	No	Listed by town	http://co.cayuga.ny.us/election/	None	Link with list of poll sites provided on home page	79,738	\$142,164,535	\$1,782.90
Chautauqua County	Yes	Yes	N/A	Listed by town and assembly district	http://www.co.chautauqua.ny.us/departments/boe/pages/default.aspx	Link to Vote NY on homepage	Link to State Voter registration Information	134,368	\$230,000,000	\$1,711.72
Chemung County	Yes	Yes	Yes	Tailored by voter address	http://www.chemungcounty.com/index.asp?pageid=106	Link to pdf with images and instructions on homepage	Yes (city and county poll site locator provided)	88,840	\$177,000,000	\$1,992.35
Chenango County	Yes	Yes	No	Listed by town/election district	http://www.co.chenango.ny.us/elections/	Link to Vote NY on homepage	Only pdf list of poll sites provided	50,118	\$86,000,000	\$1,715.95
Columbia County	Yes	No*	No	Listed by town/election district	http://www.columbiacountyny.com/depts/elections/index.html	Link to Vote NY on secondary page	Information notice of poll site changes + pdf list of poll sites provided	63,096	\$144,750,000	\$2,294.12
Cortland County	Yes	Yes	No	Listed by town/election district	http://www.cortland-co.org/election/ccboe.html	Link to Vote NY on homepage	Only pdf list of poll sites provided	49,363	\$119,885,000	\$2,428.64
Dutchess County	Yes	Yes	Yes	Tailored by voter address	http://www.dutchesselections.com/	None*	Poll site locator provided on homepage	297,999	\$415,926,000	\$1,395.73
Essex County	Yes	Yes	No	Listed by town/election district	http://www.co.essex.ny.us/elect.asp	Poster image instructions on homepage	Poll site locator provided on second page	785,137	\$716,314,000	\$912.34
Jefferson County	Yes	Yes	No	One pdf per municipality	http://www.co.jefferson.ny.us/index.aspx?page=62	Link to Vote NY and images of devices on secondary page	List of pollsites with links of District maps and pictures from the polling site	117,910	\$244,000,000	\$2,069.37
Livingston County	Yes	Yes	No	Listed by town	http://www.co.livingston.state.ny.us/boe.htm	None	Look up only through NYS Voter	65,070	\$142,009,000	\$2,182.40
Monroe County	Yes	Yes	Yes	Tailored by voter address	http://www.monroecounty.gov/elections-index.php	Link to Vote NY on homepage	Poll site locator provided on homepage	745,625	\$939,800,000	\$1,260.42
Montgomery County	Yes	No, available on "voter information" page	No	Listed by city/town	http://www.co.montgomery.ny.us/boe/	Link provided on homepage*	Link to list of poll sites provided on homepage	49,916	\$85,000,000	\$1,702.86
New York City - 5 Boroughs	Yes	Yes	Yes	Tailored by voter address	http://www.vote.nyc.ny.us/	Link to votethenewwayny.com on homepage	Link to poll site locator provided on homepage	8,244,190	\$65,800,000,000	\$7,981.38
Niagara County	Yes	No, available through polling place finder	Yes	Tailored by voter address	http://www.elections.niagara.ny.us/	None	Link to poll site locator provided on homepage	216,011	\$316,508,000	\$1,465.24

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Oneida County	Yes	Yes	No	Listed by town and district	http://ocgov.net/election	Link to instructions and photos on homepage, along with link to Vote NY	Pdf list of poll sites on home page and look up through NYS Voter	234,287	\$777,697,000	\$3,319.42
Onondaga County	Yes	Yes	Yes	Tailored by voter address	http://www.ongov.net/elections/index02.html	Link to Vote NY	Link to poll site locator provided on homepage	466,960	\$1,115,000,000	\$2,387.78
Ontario County	Yes	Yes	No	Listed by town	http://www.co.ontario.ny.us/elections/	Video and instructions on homepage, along with link to Vote NY	Link to pdf list and maps of poll sites provided on homepage	108,525	\$214,000,000	\$1,971.90
Orange County	Yes	Yes	Yes	Listed by town/election district and through polling place locator	http://www.orangecountygov.com/content/124/126/default.aspx	Link to Vote NY on homepage	Link to poll site locator provided on homepage	374,872	\$715,900,000	\$1,909.72
Oswego County	Yes	Yes	No	One pdf of all towns	http://www.co.oswego.ny.us/boe/index.html	Link to Vote NY on homepage	None	122,228	\$384,114,000	\$3,142.60
Putnam County	Yes	No, available through polling place finder	Yes	Tailored by voter address	http://www.putnamcountyny.com/index.php/board-of-elections/	Link to instructions and photos on homepage, along with link to Vote NY	Link to poll site locator provided on homepage	99,933	\$139,200,000	\$1,392.93
Rockland County	Yes	No, available through polling place finder	Yes	Tailored by voter address	http://www.co.rockland.ny.us/BOE/default.htm	Link to video on homepage	Link to poll site locator provided on homepage	315,158	\$737,000,000	\$2,338.51
Saratoga County	Yes	Yes	No	Listed by town	http://www.saratogacountyny.gov/departments.asp?did=22	None	Link to list of poll sites provided on homepage	220,882	\$300,000,000	\$1,358.19
Schenectady County	Yes	Yes	No	Listed by town	http://www.schenectadycounty.com/FullStory.aspx?m=70&amid=292	Link to Vote NY, info on the county level, and a number to call to schedule an in-person demonstration	Only pdf list of poll sites provided on second page	155,058	\$290,000,000	\$1,870.27
Seneca County	Yes	Yes	No	Listed by town/election district	http://www.co.seneca.ny.us/dpt-boe.php	Link to Vote NY on homepage	Look up through NYS Voter + pdf list of polling sites listed by districts	35,198	\$81,000,000	\$2,301.27
Steuben County	Yes	No, on "Voter Information" page	No	Listed by town/election district	http://www.steubencony.org/Pages.asp?PGID=19	Link to Vote NY on Voter Information page	Link to poll site locator provided on Voter Information page	99,033	\$187,000,000	\$1,888.26
Tompkins County	Yes	Yes	No	Listed by city/town	http://www.tompkins-co.org/boe/	Multiple links available on For Voter page	Look up through NYS Voter+link to list of poll sites	101,723	\$164,836,000	\$1,620.44
Ulster County	Yes	Yes	Yes	Tailored by voter address	http://www.co.ulster.ny.us/elections/	Link to Vote NY on homepage	Link to poll site locator provided on homepage	182,448	\$360,000,000	\$1,973.16
Warren County	Yes	No, on "Upcoming Election" page	No	Listed by city/town	http://www.co.warren.ny.us/boe/	Link to video on homepage	Link to lists of poll sites provided on homepage	65,831	\$148,245,000	\$2,251.90
Wayne County	Yes	Yes	No	Listed by town	http://www.co.wayne.ny.us/departments/elections/Elections.htm	Link to Vote NY on homepage	Link to list of poll sites provided on homepage	93,436	\$180,000,000	\$1,926.45
Yates County	Yes	Yes	No	Listed by town	http://www.yatescounty.org/display_page.asp?pid=74	Link to Vote NY on homepage	Link to list of poll sites provided on homepage	25,454	\$41,000,000	\$1,610.75

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Clinton County	Yes*	Yes	No	Pdf of sample ballot from all election districts	http://www.clintoncountygov.com/Departments/BoardOfElections/BOEHomePage.html	Slideshow on homepage	Only pdf list of poll sites provided	81,945	\$157,774,000	\$1,925.36
Delaware County	Yes*	Yes	No	Listed by town/election district	http://www.co.delaware.ny.us/departments/elec/elec.htm	Link to Vote NY on homepage	Only pdf of new election districts provided	47,559	\$99,765,000	\$2,097.71
Fulton County	Yes*	Yes	No	Pdf of sample ballot from all election districts	http://www.fultoncountyny.gov/index.php?word=departments/boe.htm	None	None	55,531	\$88,835,000	\$1,599.74
Madison County	Yes*	Yes*	No	Listed by town	http://www.madisoncounty.org/boe/	Images and information on homepage	Look up only through NYS Voter	73,365	\$105,000,000	\$1,431.20
Otsego County	Yes*	Yes	No	One pdf of all towns	http://www.otsegocounty.com/depts/boe/	Link to Vote NY on secondary page	Look up only through NYS Voter	61,917	\$117,900,000	\$1,904.16
Tioga County	Yes*	No, on "Voter Information" page	No	Listed by town/election district	http://www.tiogacountyny.com/departments/board-of-elections.html	Link to Vote NY on Voter Information page*	Link to pdf list and maps of poll sites provided on homepage	51,043	\$91,397,000	\$1,790.59
Washington County	Yes*	Yes	No	Listed by city/town	http://www.co.washington.ny.us/Departments/Boe/boe1.htm	Link to State Board website only	Link to list of poll sites and districts on homepage	63,165	\$120,000,000	\$1,899.79

* Indicates change from 2011.

** Website says that a "sample ballot" is provided, but it is not a pdf or image of the ballot, but rather a listing of races with some of the instructions present on the ballot.

***No sample ballot provided, only a pdf list of races and offices