

MEMO OF SUPPORT

S1356-A (Skoufis) / A3649-B (Taylor)

Authorizes NY to share voter roll data with other states

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TITLE OF BILL

An act to amend the election law and the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to joining multistate voter list maintenance organizations.

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

Reinvent Albany supports this bill because we believe it will help build confidence in elections.

Trust in the accuracy of election results has declined over the past couple decades. After 2020, only 59% of Americans said they were confident that votes for president would be accurately cast and counted, down from 76% in 2004.

This bill will enable New York to join the <u>Electronic Registration Information Center</u> (<u>ERIC</u>), a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that allows states to share voter rolls. Though voter fraud is <u>exceedingly rare</u>, claims of double-voting or voting from deceased persons have been the basis for accusations of voter fraud numerous times during the past decade. Allowing states to share voter roll data will help ensure that states' voter rolls are accurate and up to date.

This bill has passed the Senate. We urge the Assembly to pass it, and the Governor to sign it.

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS

Section 1 describes that the intent of the Legislature is to help build confidence in elections. Section 2 authorizes the State to join a multistate voter list maintenance organization. Section 3 authorizes the NYS DMV commissioner to share voter rolls with other states. Section 4 states that New York shall join a multistate voter list maintenance organization by July 31, 2026. Section 5 states that the act takes effect immediately.