

**LOCAL LAWS  
OF  
THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
FOR THE YEAR 2025**

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**No. 31**

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Introduced by Council Members Brewer, Hanif, Ung, Restler, Hudson, Cabán, Rivera, Menin, Sanchez, Brooks-Powers, Banks, Schulman, Ayala, Hanks, Ossé, Krishnan, Gennaro, Narcisse, Louis, Bottcher, Farías, Joseph, Won and Mealy.

**A LOCAL LAW**

**To amend the New York city charter, in relation to providing survivors of domestic violence with guidance on making voter registration records confidential and voting by special ballot**

*Be it enacted by the Council as follows:*

Section 1. Subdivision 10 of section 1057-a of the New York city charter, as added by local law number 6 for the year 2019, is redesignated subdivision 11.

§ 2. Section 1057-a of the New York city charter is amended by adding a new subdivision 12 to read as follows:

*12. a. For purposes of this subdivision, the terms “family justice center” and “survivor” have the same meanings as set forth in section 3-180 of the administrative code of the city of New York.*

*b. The campaign finance board, in consultation with the office to end domestic and gender-based violence and the board of elections, shall produce written guidance on the procedures for:*

*(1) requesting that a voter registration record be kept confidential pursuant to section 5-508 of the election law; and*

*(2) voting by special ballot pursuant to section 11-306 of the election law.*

*c. The office to end domestic and gender-based violence shall:*

*(1) distribute such written guidance at family justice centers;*

*(2) in consultation with the administration for children's services, the commission on human rights, community boards, the department of health and mental hygiene, the department of homeless services, the department of housing preservation and development, the department of youth and community development, and the human resources administration, distribute such written guidance to survivors who receive services from a city agency or a contractor of the city; and*

*(3) upon request, provide survivors with information regarding how to obtain assistance in preparing and submitting a written statement required for:*

*(a) requesting that a voter registration record be kept confidential pursuant to section 5-508 of the election law; or*

*(b) voting by special ballot pursuant to section 11-306 of the election law.*

§ 3. This local law takes effect immediately.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, s.s.:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a local law of The City of New York, passed by the Council on February 27, 2025 and returned unsigned by the Mayor on March 31, 2025.

MICHAEL M. McSWEENEY, City Clerk, Clerk of the Council.

CERTIFICATION OF CORPORATION COUNSEL

I hereby certify that the form of the enclosed local law (Local Law No. 31 of 2025, Council Int. No. 565-A of 2024) to be filed with the Secretary of State contains the correct text of the local law passed by the New York City Council, presented to the Mayor, and neither approved nor disapproved within thirty days thereafter.

SPENCER FISHER, Acting Corporation Counsel.