

## Cuomo Allows Hurricane Victims to Vote Anywhere in State

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Gov. Andrew Cuomo has issued an executive order allowing voters displaced by Hurricane Sandy to vote at any polling place in the state.

Voters from the five boroughs can fill out an affidavit ballot at any polling place in the state and the local Board of Elections will then mail their ballots to the correct county.

However, ballots will only be available for local elections, so voters who are displaced out of their Senate or Assembly districts will only be able to vote for the statewide races.

"We want everyone to vote. Just because you're displaced doesn't mean you should be disenfranchised," Cuomo said at a press conference this evening.

The move could drive down turnout in lower-ballot races. The [contest between](#) Sen. Joe Addabbo and Councilman Eric Ulrich in Queens could be severely impacted.

The NYC Board of Elections has set up [multiple alternative polling places](#) to replace sites rendered unusable by Hurricane Sandy.

For up-to-date information on polling place locations, voters can text "NYCVOTES" to 877-877. Spanish speakers can text "DONDE" to 877-877 for information in Spanish.

Polls open at 6 a.m. tomorrow and close at 9 p.m.

*Cuomo briefs the press on executive order, earlier today. Photo provided by The Office of Gov. Andrew Cuomo.*

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