

A 6491 • New York

Prohibits the creation and dissemination of synthetic media within sixty days of an election with intent to unduly influence the outcome of an election

In Committee

Risk: High

Narrow/Targeted

Last Action (Jan 07, 2026): REFERRED TO ELECTION LAW

Summary

This bill prohibits the creation and dissemination of synthetic media within sixty days of an election when there is intent to unduly influence the election outcome.

Business Impact

If you create or distribute synthetic media, you must cease all activities 60 days before an election or face legal penalties.

Key Provisions

- Prohibits creation of synthetic media within 60 days of an election with intent to unduly influence the outcome.
- Prohibits dissemination of synthetic media within 60 days of an election with intent to unduly influence the outcome.
- Establishes violations as a class E felony.

Compliance Checklist

- Cease creation of synthetic media related to elections | Who: Media creators and organizations | Penalty: Class E felony charges
- Cease dissemination of synthetic media related to elections | Who: Media outlets and distributors | Penalty: Class E felony charges

Industries Affected

Topics

AI Deepfakes

Bill Sponsors

Name	Party	Role
Clyde Vanel	Democratic	Primary

Related Bills

- A06790 (NY)
- A06491 (NY)
- S08400 (NY)

Official Source

<https://openstates.org/ny/bills/2025-2026/A6491/>

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