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103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/9/2023, by Sen. Cristina Castro

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/3-6

Amends the Election Code. Provides that a person who is otherwise qualified to vote may preregister to vote on or after that person's 16th birthday, with the registration held in abeyance by the State Board of Elections until that individual attains the required age to vote. Provides that an individual who is 17 years of age, will be 18 years of age on the date of the immediately following general or consolidated election, and is otherwise qualified to vote shall be deemed eligible to circulate a nominating petition or a petition proposing a public question. Provides that a person who is 16 years of age or older shall be deemed competent to execute and attest to any voter registration forms. Makes a conforming change. Effective July 1, 2024.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning elections.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing
5 Section 3-6 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/3-6)

7 Sec. 3-6. Voting and registration age.

8 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person
9 who is 17 years old on the date of a caucus, general primary
10 election, or consolidated primary election and who is
11 otherwise qualified to vote is qualified to vote at that
12 caucus, general primary, or consolidated primary, including
13 voting a vote by mail, grace period, or early voting ballot
14 with respect to that general primary or consolidated primary,
15 if that person will be 18 years old on the date of the
16 immediately following general election or consolidated
17 election for which candidates are nominated at that primary.

18 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person
19 who is otherwise qualified to vote may preregister to vote on
20 or after that person's 16th birthday, with the registration
21 held in abeyance by the State Board of Elections until that
22 individual attains the required age to vote. Preregistration
23 under this subsection (b) shall be completed using the online

1 voter registration system, as provided in Section 1A-16.5, or
2 an electronic voter registration portal with an automatic
3 voter registration agency, as provided in Section 1A-16.7.

4 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an
5 individual who is 17 years of age, will be 18 years of age on
6 the date of the immediately following general or consolidated
7 election, and is otherwise qualified to vote shall be deemed
8 eligible to circulate a nominating petition or a petition
9 proposing a public question.

10 (d) For the purposes of this Code, a person who is 16 years
11 of age or older shall be deemed competent to execute and attest
12 to any voter registration forms.

13 (e) References in this Code and elsewhere to the
14 requirement that a person must be 18 years old to vote shall be
15 interpreted in accordance with this Section.

16 ~~For the purposes of this Code, an individual who is 17~~
17 ~~years of age and who will be 18 years of age on the date of the~~
18 ~~general or consolidated election shall be deemed competent to~~
19 ~~execute and attest to any voter registration forms. An~~
20 ~~individual who is 17 years of age, will be 18 years of age on~~
21 ~~the date of the immediately following general or consolidated~~
22 ~~election, and is otherwise qualified to vote shall be deemed~~
23 ~~eligible to circulate a nominating petition or a petition~~
24 ~~proposing a public question.~~

25 (Source: P.A. 99-722, eff. 8-5-16; 100-201, eff. 8-18-17.)

26 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,

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