



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB6167

Introduced 2/11/2016, by Rep. Carol A. Sente

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/5-8.5 new
60 ILCS 1/45-65 new

Amends the Election Code. Provides that an individual who will be 18 years of age or older at the next general election may sign and circulate candidate petitions and register to vote, and shall be deemed competent to execute and attest to any voter registration forms, with the registration held in abeyance by the appropriate election authority until such time as that individual attains the required age to vote. Provides that an individual that is 17 years old or older who is registered to vote in this State shall be eligible to serve as a deputy registrar. Amends the Township Code. Provides that a person who is 17 years old on the date of a caucus or primary election and who is otherwise qualified to vote is qualified to vote at that caucus or primary, including voting a vote by mail, grace period, or early voting ballot with respect to that primary, if that person will be 18 years old on the date of the corresponding election. Effective immediately.

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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 adding Section
5 5-8.5 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/5-8.5 new)

7 Sec. 5-8.5. Deputy registrar eligibility;
8 pre-registration. Unless otherwise provided by law, an
9 individual that is 17 years old or older who is registered to
10 vote in this State shall be eligible to serve as a deputy
11 registrar. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
12 contrary, an individual who will be 18 years of age or older at
13 the next general election may sign and circulate candidate
14 petitions and may register to vote, and shall be deemed
15 competent to execute and attest to any voter registration
16 forms, with the registration held in abeyance by the
17 appropriate election authority until such time as that
18 individual attains the required age to vote.

19 Section 10. The Township Code is amended by adding Section
20 45-65 as follows:

21 (60 ILCS 1/45-65 new)

1 Sec. 45-65. Voting age. Notwithstanding any other
2 provision of law, a person who is 17 years old on the date of a
3 caucus or primary election and who is otherwise qualified to
4 vote is qualified to vote at that caucus or primary, including
5 voting a vote by mail, grace period, or early voting ballot
6 with respect to that primary, if that person will be 18 years
7 old on the date of the corresponding election.

8 References in this Article and elsewhere to the requirement
9 that a person must be 18 years old to vote shall be interpreted
10 in accordance with this Section.

11 For the purposes of this Article, an individual who is 17
12 years of age and who will be 18 years of age on the date of the
13 general election shall be deemed competent to execute and
14 attest to any voter registration forms.

15 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
16 becoming law.