

**SENATE, No. 3240**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**221st LEGISLATURE**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Permits 16 and 17-year-olds to vote in elections for local school board.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT permitting 16 and 17-year-olds to vote in local school  
2 board elections and supplementing P.L.1995, c.278.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. a. Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the  
8 contrary, any person who is at least 16 years of age, who is a citizen  
9 of the United States, and who has resided in a school district for 30  
10 days preceding the school election, shall be eligible to vote for  
11 members of the school board of education in the school district in  
12 which they reside.

13 b. The Secretary of State, by rules and regulations promulgated  
14 pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410  
15 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), shall:

16 (1) create a registration form and a process to register 16 and  
17 17-year-olds to vote in school board elections, which shall conform  
18 as nearly as possible to the equivalent form and process utilized for  
19 all other eligible voters under chapter 31 of Title 19 of the Revised  
20 Statutes;

21 (2) establish a method to verify the identity of registered 16 and  
22 17-year-old voters, which shall conform as nearly as possible to the  
23 methods utilized for all other eligible voters under the provisions of  
24 this Title;

25 (3) provide for the design of paper ballots on which 16 and 17-  
26 year-olds may vote for school board members; and

27 (4) ensure the provisions of this section are implemented  
28 effectively, and in a manner compatible with the administration of  
29 all other elections conducted in this State.

30 c. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require any  
31 action on the part of any school board or municipality in order to  
32 implement the provisions of this section.

33 d. Nothing in this section shall be construed to permit any  
34 person under 18 years of age to vote in any election other than that  
35 for school board members in the school district in which they  
36 reside.

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38 2. This act shall take effect January 1 next following the date  
39 of enactment.

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STATEMENT

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44 Under current law, any person who is at least 18 years of age,  
45 who is a citizen of the United States, and who is a resident of the  
46 district in which they wish to vote, is entitled to register and vote in  
47 elections in this State.

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1       This bill permits 16 and 17-year-olds, who are U.S. citizens and  
2 residents of New Jersey, to vote only in their local school elections  
3 for school board members. The bill does not allow 16 and 17-year-  
4 olds to vote in any other election.

5       The bill directs the Secretary of State to promulgate rules that:

6       (1) create a registration form and a process to register 16 and  
7 17-year-olds to vote in school board elections, which conforms as  
8 nearly as possible to the equivalent form and process utilized for all  
9 other eligible voters;

10       (2) establish a method of verifying the identity of registered 16  
11 and 17-year-old voters which conforms as nearly as possible to the  
12 methods utilized for all other eligible voters;

13       (3) provide for the design of paper ballots on which 16 and 17-  
14 year-olds may vote for school board members; and

15       (4) ensure the provisions of this act are implemented effectively  
16 and in a manner compatible with all other elections held in this  
17 State.

18       This bill does not require action on the part of any school board  
19 or municipality in order to implement its provisions.