

AN ACT

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To amend, on a temporary basis, the District of Columbia Election Code of 1955 to allow 17-year-olds to pre-register to vote.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Student Voter Registration Temporary Amendment Act of 2008”.

Sec. 2. Section 7 of the District of Columbia Election Code of 1955, approved August 12, 1955 (69 Stat. 703; D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.07), is amended as follows:

Note,
§ 1-1001.07

(a) A new subsection (a-2) is added to read as follows:

“(a-2) A person who is otherwise qualified may pre-register on or after that person’s 17th birthday and may vote in any election occurring on or after that person’s 18th birthday, but under no circumstances before the person’s 18th birthday.”.

(b) Subsection (b) is amended by adding a new paragraph (4) to read as follows:

“(4) The Board shall state on voter registration forms that no one may vote before his or her 18th birthday.”.

(c) Subsection (e)(2) is amended by adding a new 2nd sentence to read as follows:

“The voter registration notification shall state that the applicant shall not vote before her or his 18th birthday.”.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

Sec. 4. Effective date.

(a) This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved

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December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

(b) This act shall expire after 225 days of its having taken effect.

Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia

Mayor
District of Columbia