

17-Year-Old Primary and Caucus Voting



MODEL STATUTORY LANGUAGE

An Act Relating to the Registration of and Voting by 17-Year-Olds in Primary Elections

Section 1: SHORT TITLE

This Act shall be called the “Youth Voting Act of 20XX.”

Section 2: PURPOSE

The purpose of this Act is to ensure that those who may vote in general elections also have a say in who will be nominated for those general elections, and to increase voter turnout and to encourage voter participation. This Act allows those voters who will reach 18 years of age on or before a general election to vote in that election’s primary.

Section 3: ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE AT PRIMARY

Any person who has not yet attained the age of eighteen years but who will have attained the age of eighteen years on or before the day of a general election may vote at a primary held for such general election if:

- (1) that person is otherwise qualified to be an elector, and
- (2) that person has registered to vote in accordance with applicable law.

Section 4: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Act shall go into effect the _____ day of _____ 20____.