



97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SB1249

Introduced 2/8/2011, by Sen. Michael W. Frerichs

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/4-110 new
10 ILCS 5/5-110 new
10 ILCS 5/6-110 new

Amends the Election Code. Authorizes 17-year-olds to register to vote and requires election authorities to accept the registration of otherwise qualified 17-year-olds. Provides that if the election authority sends those records to the polling places, it must clearly indicate that those persons are ineligible to vote. Requires the Secretary of State and public assistance agencies that offer voter registration to offer registration to 17-year-olds. Requires the State Board of Elections to adopt implementing rules.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

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 adding Sections
5 4-110, 5-110, and 6-110 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/4-110 new)

7 Sec. 4-110. Registration of 17-year-olds. Notwithstanding
8 any other provisions of this Code, a 17-year-old may register
9 to vote, even though he or she is ineligible to vote until he
10 or she reaches the age of 18. Election authorities must accept
11 voter registration applications from 17-year-old citizens who
12 are otherwise qualified to vote but for their age, even though
13 they may truthfully declare on their registration application
14 that they are not yet 18 as of the date of the next election.
15 Election authorities may, but need not, include the
16 registration materials of a 17-year-old registrant in the
17 precinct book in elections that occur before he or she is
18 eligible to vote, but if they do, the election authorities must
19 clearly indicate that the citizen is ineligible to vote in the
20 election. The Secretary of State and public assistance agencies
21 must offer voter registration, when providing voter
22 registration as specified in this Code, to 17-year-old citizens
23 who are otherwise qualified to vote. The State Board of

1 Elections shall promulgate rules to implement this provision.

2 (10 ILCS 5/5-110 new)

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4 any other provisions of this Code, a 17-year-old may register
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17 must offer voter registration, when providing voter
18 registration as specified in this Code, to 17-year-old citizens
19 who are otherwise qualified to vote. The State Board of
20 Elections shall promulgate rules to implement this provision.

21 (10 ILCS 5/6-110 new)

22 Sec. 6-110. Registration of 17-year-olds. Notwithstanding
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