

**SENATE, No. 1218**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**218th LEGISLATURE**

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**Sponsored by:**

**Senator JAMES BEACH**

**District 6 (Burlington and Camden)**

**SYNOPSIS**

“New Voter Empowerment Act”; permits 17 year olds to vote in primary election if they turn 18 years old before next succeeding general election.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning eligibility to vote in a primary election for the  
2 general election and designated as the “New Voter  
3 Empowerment Act,” and supplementing chapter 23 of Title 19 of  
4 the Revised Statutes.

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6 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
7 of New Jersey:

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9 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S.19:4-1 to the  
10 contrary, any registered voter who is 17 years of age prior to the  
11 date on which a primary election for the general election is held  
12 shall be permitted to vote in that primary election if the registered  
13 voter attains 18 years of age on or before the day of the next  
14 succeeding general election.

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16 2. This act shall take effect on January 1<sup>st</sup> next following the  
17 date of enactment.

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STATEMENT

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22 This bill, designated as the “New Voter Empowerment Act,”  
23 permits any registered voter who is 17 years of age prior to the date  
24 on which a primary election for the general election is held to vote  
25 in that primary election if the registered voter attains 18 years of  
26 age on or before the day of the next succeeding general election.