

City of Providence
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 215

EFFECTIVE May 14, 2023

WHEREAS, House Bill H-5055 would allow individuals, who have not reached the age of eighteen (18) years, to vote in a primary election, as long as the voter will be eighteen (18), as of the date of the general or special election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby supports and urges passage of House Bill-5055, An Act Relating to Elections - General Provisions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the House and the Providence Delegation.

IN CITY COUNCIL
MAY 04 2023
READ AND PASSED


RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT

CLERK

Effective without the
Mayor's Signature


Tina L. Mastroianni
City Clerk

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

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RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- GENERAL PROVISIONS

Introduced By: Representatives Boylan, Serpa, Cortvriend, Kislak, Stewart, Cruz, Tanzi,
Craven, Knight, and Fogarty

Date Introduced: January 11, 2023

Referred To: House State Government & Elections

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 17-1-3 of the General Laws in Chapter 17-1 entitled "General Provisions" is hereby amended to read as follows:

17-1-3. Eligibility to vote.

(a) Every citizen of the United States who is at least eighteen (18) years of age, whose residence as defined in § 17-1-3.1 has been in this state for at least thirty (30) days, and in the town or city and voting district in which that person desires to cast his or her vote at least thirty (30) days next preceding the election, and who is registered in that city or town and voting district at least thirty (30) days next preceding any election, shall be entitled to vote in the election; provided, a person may vote in a primary election only if that person is eligible under the provisions of this title. A person who has not registered to vote, or whose registration has been canceled pursuant to § 17-10-1, may cast a vote for president and vice-president on election day at his or her city or town hall or at an alternate location designated by the board of canvassers, and approved by the board of elections, where such location is deemed necessary to better accommodate such voters. The casting of that vote shall commence the process of voter registration and subject the person voting to the requirements and penalties of this chapter.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, any person who has not yet reached age eighteen (18), but will be age eighteen (18) at the time of a general election, may vote in a primary election, in which candidates are nominated for a general or special election.

(c) The provisions of subsection (b) of this section shall not extend to any other elections.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
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RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- GENERAL PROVISIONS

1 This act would allow individuals, who have not reached the age of eighteen (18) years, to
2 vote in a primary election, as long as the voter will be eighteen (18), as of the date of the general
3 or special election.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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