

2021 YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Bill NO: SB 19

Introduced By: Nina S.
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Referred To: Senate Ways & Means / Judiciary

COMMITTEE ACTION:

Inexpedient to Legislate _____
Ought to Pass _____ X _____
Ought to Pass w Amend _____

HOUSE/SENATE ACTION:

Inexpedient to Legislate _____
Ought to Pass _____
Ought to Pass w Amend _____

GOVERNOR ACTION:

Passed _____
Vetoed _____

AN ACT

Relative to: Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the State of New Hampshire for Primary Voting Ages

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of New Hampshire as follows:

Section I: Purpose: This proposal would amend the Constitution of the State of New Hampshire to provide that a person who will attain the age of 18 by the date of the general election shall have the right to vote in the primary election.

Section II: Article 11 of Part I, Bill of Rights, of the New Hampshire Constitution is amended as follows:

[Article] 11. [Elections and Elective Franchises.] All elections are to be free, and every inhabitant of the state of 18 years of age and upwards shall have an equal right to vote in any election. Every person shall be considered an inhabitant for the purposes of voting in the town, ward, or unincorporated place where he has his domicile. No person shall have the right to vote under the constitution of this state who has been convicted of treason, bribery or any willful violation of the election laws of this state or of the United States; but the supreme court may, on notice to the attorney general, restore the privilege to vote to any person who may have forfeited it by conviction of such offenses. The general court shall provide by law for voting by qualified voters who at the time of the biennial or state elections, or of the primary elections therefore, or of city elections, or of town elections by official ballot, are absent from the city or town of which they are inhabitants, or who by reason of physical disability are unable to vote in person, in the choice of any officer or officers to be elected or upon any question submitted at such election. Voting registration and polling places shall be easily accessible to all persons including disabled and elderly persons who are otherwise qualified to vote in the choice of any officer or officers to be elected or upon any question submitted at such election. The right to vote shall not be denied to any person because of the non payment of any tax. Every inhabitant of the state, having the proper qualifications, has equal right to be elected into office. Every inhabitant of the state who will attain the age of eighteen years of age and upwards by the date of the general election, who is a citizen of the United States, shall have an equal right to vote in the primary election.

Section III: This bill shall go into effect immediately upon passage.