

##The Even Better Representation Amendment

AN AMENDMENT to allow the right and freedom to vote to more people.

WHEREAS young people are affected by decisions made by their government, and

WHEREAS, this implies that they should be able to made decisions regarding their representation, and

WHEREAS, young people are becoming more politically involved, and

WHEREAS, this means that many young people are more politically involved than the adult population of the United States, many of whom do not exercise the precious right to vote, and

WHEREAS, if younger people would like to participate, they should not be held back due to their age, and

WHEREAS, 16-year-olds are already able to drive and hold jobs, thereby implying that they are responsible, and

WHEREAS, voting is inherently a much easier and less risky process than driving a multi-ton hunk of metal at 70 miles-per-hour, and

WHEREAS, voting is inherently a much easier and less risky process than most jobs, even those held by high school students, and

WHEREAS, voting is inherently a much easier and less risky process than pretty much anything done by people of any age, thereby making the argument that 16-year-olds are not old enough to participate odd, and

WHEREAS, many fully grown adults make poor or uninformed decisions, thereby making the argument that 16-year-olds cannot make good choices in voting moot, and

WHEREAS, the more people's opinions represented in a democratic society, the better, and

WHEREAS, the right to vote is an important one in modern democracies, and

WHEREAS, more people should be offered that right, and be allowed to exercise it

Let this Amendment to the Lincoln State Constitution be adopted by this Assembly

###Section I: Short Title

This amendment can be referred to as the “Even Better Representation Amendment.” “EBRA” is an acceptable acronym.

###Section II: Amendment of Article III Section 1

Article III Section 1 of the Lincoln State Constitution shall be amended to read as follows;

>Every United States Citizen who has attained the age of 16 or any other voting age required by the United States for voting in State elections and who has been a permanent resident of this State for at least 30 days next preceding any election shall have the right to vote at such election.

>A United States Citizen who will attain the age of 16 or any other voting age required by the United States for voting in State elections by the General Election, and who has been a permanent resident of this State for at least 30 days next preceding any primary election shall have the right to vote at such election.

>The General Assembly by law may establish registration requirements and require permanent residence in an election district not to exceed thirty days prior to an election. The General Assembly by law may establish shorter residence requirements for voting for President and Vice-President of the United States.

###Section III: Timeline

This amendment shall be added to the Lincoln State Constitution immediately following its passage by the Lincoln Assembly.

###Section IV: Severability

The provisions of this act are severable. If any provision of this bill shall be found unconstitutional, unenforceable, or otherwise stricken, the remainder of the bill shall remain in full force and effect.

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