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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2009

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RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

Introduced By: Senators Perry, Sosnowski, Miller, DeVall, and Doyle

Date Introduced: January 22, 2009

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 17-9.1 of the General Laws entitled "Registration of Voters" is  
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           17-9.1-33. Age. – (a) Every person who has reached the age of eighteen (18) years or  
4 who is seventeen (17) years of age and will be eighteen (18) years of age by the date of the next  
5 election, and is otherwise qualified to register may do so for that election.

6           (b) A person who is otherwise qualified to register and is at least sixteen (16) years of  
7 age, but will not be eighteen (18) years of age by the date of the next election, may preregister  
8 upon satisfactory proof of age and shall be automatically registered upon reaching eighteen (18)  
9 years of age.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would authorize persons sixteen (16) and seventeen (17) years of age who  
2           preregister to vote to automatically be registered upon reaching age eighteen (18).

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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