

HOUSE BILL No. 1058

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 3-7-35.

Synopsis: Voting preregistration for 16 and 17 year olds. Creates a system for individuals 16 and 17 years of age to preregister to vote. Defines "preregistration individual".

Effective: July 1, 2020.

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January 7, 2020, read first time and referred to Committee on Elections and Apportionment.



Second Regular Session of the 121st General Assembly (2020)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning elections.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 3-7-35-0.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 3 1, 2020]: **Sec. 0.5. As used in this chapter, "preregistration**
- 4 **individual" refers to an individual who satisfies all of the following:**
- 5 **(1) The individual is a United States citizen.**
- 6 **(2) The individual is:**
- 7 **(A) at least sixteen (16) years of age; and**
- 8 **(B) less than eighteen (18) years of age.**
- 9 **(3) The individual will not be at least eighteen (18) years of**
- 10 **age at the next general, municipal, or special election.**
- 11 SECTION 2. IC 3-7-35-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 12 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020]: Sec. 1. **(a) Sections 2.1 and 3.1 of this**
- 13 **chapter applies apply** when a circuit court clerk or board of registration
- 14 receives a registration form from an individual who is: ~~eligible to~~
- 15 ~~register under this article but is~~
- 16 **(1) less than eighteen (18) years of age; and**
- 17 **(2) described in IC 3-7-13-1.**



1 **(b) Sections 5, 6, 7, and 8 of this chapter apply to a**
2 **preregistration individual.**

3 SECTION 3. IC 3-7-35-5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
4 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
5 1, 2020]: **Sec. 5. A preregistration individual may submit an**
6 **application to vote prescribed by the election division under section**
7 **6 of this chapter as provided in this chapter.**

8 SECTION 4. IC 3-7-35-6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
9 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
10 1, 2020]: **Sec. 6. (a) The election division shall prescribe the**
11 **application described in section 5 of this chapter.**

12 **(b) The application form prescribed under subsection (a) must**
13 **satisfy the following requirements:**

14 **(1) The form must include a statement that does all of the**
15 **following:**

16 **(A) Sets forth each eligibility requirement for registration**
17 **(including citizenship).**

18 **(B) Contains an attestation that the applicant will meet**
19 **each of the eligibility requirements in the year when the**
20 **applicant becomes eighteen (18) years of age.**

21 **(C) Requires the signature of the applicant, under penalty**
22 **of perjury.**

23 **(2) The form must include, in print that is identical to the**
24 **print used in the attestation part of the application,**
25 **information setting forth the penalties provided by law for**
26 **submission of a false voter registration application.**

27 **(3) The form must include the question "Are you a citizen of**
28 **the United States of America?" and boxes for the applicant to**
29 **check to indicate whether the applicant is or is not a citizen of**
30 **the United States.**

31 **(4) The form must include the question "Will you be 18 years**
32 **of age on or before election day in the year you turn 18?" and**
33 **boxes for the applicant to check to indicate whether the**
34 **applicant will be eighteen (18) years of age on or before**
35 **election day in the year the applicant turns eighteen (18) years**
36 **of age.**

37 **(5) The form must include a statement informing the**
38 **individual that if the form is submitted by mail and the**
39 **individual is registering for the first time, the appropriate**
40 **information required under 52 U.S.C. 21083 must be**
41 **submitted with the mail-in registration form in order to avoid**
42 **the additional identification requirements upon voting for the**



1 **first time.**
 2 SECTION 5. IC 3-7-35-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 3 AS A **NEW SECTION** TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 4 1, 2020]: **Sec. 7. (a) When a county voter registration official**
 5 **receives an application described in section 6 of this chapter, the**
 6 **information provided by the applicant shall be entered in the**
 7 **computerized list maintained under IC 3-7-26.3.**
 8 **(b) The county voter registration official shall indicate in the**
 9 **applicant's entry on the computerized list that the application is**
 10 **"preregistration".**
 11 **(c) The county voter registration official may not include the**
 12 **name of any applicant who has been marked in the computerized**
 13 **list as "preregistration" on the lists described in sections 2.1 and**
 14 **3.1 of this chapter.**
 15 SECTION 6. IC 3-7-35-8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 16 AS A **NEW SECTION** TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 17 1, 2020]: **Sec. 8. (a) On December 1 in the year preceding an**
 18 **election, the county voter registration office shall generate a notice**
 19 **described in IC 3-7-33-5(b) for any applicant:**
 20 **(1) whose entry in the computerized list is indicated as**
 21 **"preregistration"; and**
 22 **(2) who will be eighteen (18) years of age on or before the next**
 23 **general, municipal, or special election.**
 24 **(b) This subsection applies to an applicant who will be eighteen**
 25 **(18) years of age after December 1 in the year preceding an**
 26 **election but not before the next general, municipal, or special**
 27 **election. The county voter registration office shall generate a notice**
 28 **described in IC 3-7-33-5(b) on the first day of a voter registration**
 29 **period after the general, municipal, or special election.**
 30 **(c) Once the notice under subsection (a) or (b) is generated, the**
 31 **applicant's application for registration shall be processed**
 32 **according to IC 3-7-33-5.**

