

Existing law (R.S. 18:101) provides that every citizen of La. who is at least 18 years of age and who meets certain other requirements shall be eligible to vote. Provides that any person who is 17 years old who is otherwise qualified to vote may register to vote at any time prior to the first election at which the person shall have attained the age of 18. Provides that no one under the age of 18 may vote in any election.

Existing law (R.S. 18:114) provides for voter registration at driver's license facilities. Provides that each application to obtain, renew, or change the name or address on a driver's license or identification card issued by the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections made by an applicant who is 18 years or older shall also serve as an application for voter registration by the applicant unless the applicant declines to register to vote through specific declination or by failing to sign the voter registration application. Provides that any person age 17 may register to vote at any time prior to the first election at which he attains the age of 18 years.

New law additionally provides that a person who is 16 years of age may register to vote in the manner provided in new law. Provides that each application to obtain a driver's license issued by the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections made by an applicant who is 16 years old shall also serve as an application for voter registration by the applicant unless the applicant declines to register to vote through specific declination or by failing to sign the voter registration application. Expressly states that no one under the age of 18 years shall be permitted to vote in any election.

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(Amends R.S. 18:114(B)(1) and 173(A) and (D)(1); Adds R.S. 18:101(A)(3))