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AN ACT to amend the election law, in relation to enacting the young adult voter registration act

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "young adult voter registration act".

§ 2. The election law is amended by adding a new section 5-231 to read as follows:

§ 5-231. Young adult voter registration. 1. Registration of voters. Each public high school within the state shall make available during the school year to all students such materials as may be published by the board of elections relating to voter registration and, where appropriate, shall provide applications for registration and enrollment, and may assist in the execution of such applications.

2. Registration of young adults. Each school district shall distribute a voter registration form to any student seventeen years old or older that will be eighteen years old at the time of the next general election.

3. Forms to be available at school. The state education department shall ensure that voter registration forms provided by the board of elections are available in the main or central office of each high school under the jurisdiction of the department for students who wish to obtain one. The department shall also ensure that each such high school provides adequate notice to its students of the availability of such forms in its main or central office.

4. Sufficient quantity of forms. The department shall request from the board of elections a sufficient quantity of voter registration forms to meet the requirements of this section.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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