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### SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based only on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Date:	April 1, 1998	Revised:		
Subject:	Election Board; Qu	alifications		
	<u>Analyst</u>	Staff Director	Reference	Action
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## I. Summary:

Senate Bill 1792 will allow 17 year olds, who have preregistered to vote, to work as members of the election board at the polls on election day.

This bill substantially amends section 102.012 of the Florida Statutes.

#### II. Present Situation:

Prior to each election, the supervisor of elections appoints persons to work at the polls on election day. Each person appointed as a member of the election board must be able to read and write the English language and must be a registered voter of the county in which appointed.

In order to register to vote in Florida, a person must be:

- At least 18 years old;
- A citizen of the United States:
- A legal resident of the State of Florida; and
- A legal resident of the county in which that person seeks to be registered.

A person who has been convicted of a felony and has not had his or her civil rights restored or a person who has been adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting and who has not had his or her right to vote restored is not eligible to register or to vote. (s. 97.041, F.S.)

A person who is otherwise qualified may preregister on or after the person's 17th birthday. These individuals are then eligible to vote when they turn 18. Many supervisors of elections attend high

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schools in their counties to provide voter education to students and to conduct voter registration. Many of the students are not yet 18 and therefore are only eligible to preregister to vote.

# **III.** Effect of Proposed Changes:

Senate Bill 1792 will allow those persons who have preregistered to vote, but who are not yet eligible to vote because they are not 18 years old, to work at the polls on election day. This will allow the supervisors of elections to use high school students to work at the polls. Students will gain first hand experience regarding the voting process.

#### IV. Constitutional Issues:

A.	Municipality/County	Mandates	Restrictions:
	None.		

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

# V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

### VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

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VII.	Related Issues:	
	None.	
VIII.	Amendments:	

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None.

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