

By Senator Garcia

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the presidential preference
3 primary; amending s. 97.041, F.S.; authorizing certain
4 preregistered voter registration applicants to vote in
5 the presidential preference primary; prohibiting such
6 persons from voting on any other race, amendment, or
7 ballot measure on the ballot; providing that such
8 persons are not considered electors for purposes of
9 the Florida Election Code; amending s. 98.461, F.S.;
10 requiring the supervisor of elections to generate a
11 separate precinct register containing preregistered
12 voter registration applicants eligible to vote in the
13 presidential preference primary; providing an
14 effective date.

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16 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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18 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 97.041, Florida
19 Statutes, is amended to read:

20 97.041 Qualifications to register or vote.—

21 (1) (a) A person may become a registered voter only if that
22 person:

- 23 1. Is at least 18 years of age;
24 2. Is a citizen of the United States;
25 3. Is a legal resident of the State of Florida;
26 4. Is a legal resident of the county in which that person
27 seeks to be registered; and
28 5. Registers pursuant to the Florida Election Code.

29 (b) 1. A person who is otherwise qualified may preregister
30 on or after that person's 16th birthday and may vote in any
31 election occurring on or after that person's 18th birthday.

32 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the

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33 contrary, a person who has preregistered pursuant to
34 subparagraph 1. and who will be 18 years of age on or before the
35 day of the next presidential general election may vote in the
36 presidential preference primary for purposes of selecting a
37 candidate for nomination for President of the United States or
38 selecting delegates to a political party's national nominating
39 convention. However, such person may not vote in any other race,
40 amendment, or ballot measure that is scheduled to appear on the
41 ballot in an election held concurrently with the presidential
42 preference primary. Other than voting in a presidential
43 preference primary in accordance with this subparagraph, the
44 person is otherwise not considered an elector for purposes of
45 this code until that person's 18th birthday.

46 Section 2. Subsection (3) is added to section 98.461,
47 Florida Statutes, to read:

48 98.461 Registration application, precinct register;
49 contents.—

50 (3) For a presidential preference primary conducted
51 pursuant to s. 103.101, the supervisor of elections must
52 generate a separate precinct register containing the names of
53 persons who have preregistered to vote pursuant to s.
54 97.041(1)(b) and who will be 18 years of age on or before the
55 day of the next presidential general election. The precinct
56 register must contain the same information concerning electors
57 required by subsection (2).

58 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.