

By Senator Thurston

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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 in any other race or on any  
7           amendment or ballot measure; 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 the names of  
12          preregistered voter registration applicants eligible  
13          to vote in the presidential preference primary;  
14          providing an 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

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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  
33 contrary, a person who has preregistered to vote 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 or on any amendment or ballot measure that is scheduled to  
41 appear on the ballot in an election held concurrently with the  
42 presidential preference primary. Other than voting in a  
43 presidential preference primary in accordance with this  
44 subparagraph, the person is otherwise not considered an elector  
45 for purposes of this code until his or her 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, 2019.