



MEMO OF SUPPORT

Resolution: [S3231 \(Bailey\) / A6590 \(Rozić\)](#)

Bill: [S3232 \(Bailey\) / A6598 \(Rozić\)](#)

*Allows 17-year-olds to vote in primary election
if they are 18 years old at time of general election*

April 3, 2026

TITLE OF BILL

An act to amend the election law, in relation to the age requirement for voting in a primary election.

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

Reinvent Albany strongly supports this resolution and bill because they will increase youth participation in our democracy.

Currently, New Yorkers may only vote if they are 18 or older at the time of an election. This is unfair to those who were 17 at the time of the primary, as they are being handed candidates they had no role in choosing. This bill will ensure that they have a role.

The bill also comes at a time of declining youth participation in voting – [fewer voters](#) ages 18 to 29 voted in 2024 than in 2020. Allowing 17-year-olds to vote in primary elections – provided they will be 18 at the time of the general election – will encourage more youth to participate in the choices that affect their lives.

We urge the Legislature to pass the resolution and bill.

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS (BILL)

Section 1 amends Election Law §5-102(1) to state that 17-year-olds may vote in a primary election if they will be 18 years old at the time of the following general election.

Section 2 states that the bill takes effect at the same time as the constitutional amendment that allows for the same change.