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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HB2694

I oppose HB2694 because teenagers at age 16-17 are not mature enough to vote. I have provided a link from an article below.
TEEN BRAIN: BEHAVIOR, PROBLEM SOLVING, AND DECISION MAKING
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“Many parents do not understand why their teenagers occasionally behave in an impulsive, irrational, or dangerous way. At times, it seems like teens don't think things through or fully consider the consequences of their actions. Adolescents differ from adults in the way they behave, solve problems, and make decisions. There is a biological explanation for this difference. Studies have shown that brains continue to mature and develop throughout childhood and adolescence and well into early adulthood.

Scientists have identified a specific region of the brain called the amygdala that is responsible for immediate reactions including fear and aggressive behavior. This region develops early. However, the frontal cortex, the area of the brain that controls reasoning and helps us think before we act, develops later. This part of the brain is still changing and maturing well into adulthood”

Please consider the negative consequences this Bill would bring. As adults we should think ahead to the end of the problem this will create.