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HB 2694- 17-Year-Old Voting in Primary-Support

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The Marion County Democratic Central Committee Legislative Committee supports the effort to engage high school students in the political process,

The bill before you is simple. It allows 17 year olds, if registered with a political party, to vote in a primary election if they reach the age of 18 by the General Election,

The advent of motor-voter has simplified the voter registration and the data is readily available to support this effort.

Students are involved in the political process now. But they are unable to vote in the primary even if they will be 18 at the General Election,

Sixteen states and the District of Columbia allow such voting already. Ohio became the first state allowing such voting in 1981.

We urge you to support this legislation .

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