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The legal voting age is 18 years of age because that is an agreed age of adulthood. 16 and 17 is not old enough to make sound informed decisions. As the eligible age increases for everything else, lowering the age to cast a ballot should not be a priority. 21 is the age to buy a handgun, 18 to buy a long gun, 21 for alcohol, nicotine or marijuana. If the Oregon department of education would like to bring a required civics class I would fully support that, but I believe the only ballots children in high school should be casting is for class offices and prom court. Stop trying to expand the voter base to include more statistically democrat voters.