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SB1574

I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB 1574

The primary is where local initiatives and some candidate elections are final. It isn't just a race for the general election. The same reason 17 year olds can't vote in the general election is the reason they shouldn't vote in the primary.

There's no reason for a change to current law requiring individuals to be 18 to vote, this is the age of adulthood and learning what it means to be fiscally responsible. Even at 18 the brain is not fully developed, but planning for after graduation adds maturity that a 17 year old doesn't have. That's why they can't buy alcohol or be trusted with handguns.

The exceptional few does not give the proof to make this a justified change.