
THIRD READING

Bill No: SCR 128
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Vote: 21

SUBJECT: High School Voter Education Weeks

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This resolution declares Monday, April 13, 2026, to Friday, April 24, 2026, inclusive, as High School Voter Education Weeks and strongly encourages local educational agencies to dedicate at least one of those two weeks to educating pupils in grades 9 to 12, inclusive, on the electoral process, as provided. The resolution encourages local educational agencies to provide digital and physical resources necessary to provide this instruction and encourages the governing boards or bodies of local educational agencies to contract with third-party nonprofit organizations, as provided, to accomplish this instruction.

ANALYSIS: This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Pursuant to Section 49040 of the Education Code, the last two full weeks in April are known as “high school voter education weeks,” during which time persons authorized by the county elections official are allowed to register pupils and school personnel on any high school campus.
- 2) Young people, who represent the next generation of voters and leaders, remain a largely underrepresented group by exhibiting the lowest rates of voter turnout among age groups, and, more broadly, low levels of general civic engagement. California is committed to fostering civic engagement and increasing voter participation among youth.
- 3) Young people should be met in their educational environments, and be provided, with the history, knowledge, and resources to engage in the democratic process, for the purposes of revitalizing community ethos and promoting the importance of civic engagement.

This resolution encourages the governing boards or bodies of local educational agencies to contract on a volunteer basis with third-party nonprofit organizations that have demonstrated experience in nonpartisan youth civic engagement to accomplish this instruction.

Related/Prior Legislation

SCR 48 (Cervantes, Resolution Chapter 162, Statutes of 2025)

SCR 53 (Pérez, 2025) – Ordered to inactive file.

HR 89 (Pellerin, 2024) – Adopted in Assembly.

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

SUPPORT: (Verified 2/23/26)

None received

OPPOSITION: (Verified 2/23/26)

None received

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