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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill No: SCR 48

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Amended: 7/10/25 in Assembly

Vote: 21

SUBJECT: High School Voter Education Weeks

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This resolution encourages all Californians to participate in the High School Voter Education Weeks of April 14 to 25, 2025, and September 15 to 26, 2025.

Senate Floor Amendments of 4/3/25 change the terms "pupils" and "pupil" to "students" and "student" throughout the resolution.

Senate Floor Amendments of 4/21/25 add a joint author to the resolution.

Assembly Amendments of 7/10/25 adds technical and clarifying language.

ANALYSIS: This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The youth of California play a critical role in our democratic process by contributing to the selection of our leaders and expressing their perspectives on significant issues.
- 2) Individuals meeting eligibility requirements who are 16 and 17 years of age can preregister to vote and automatically become active voters once they turn 18 years of age.
- 3) High schools in California are encouraged to offer preregistration and voter registration opportunities to eligible students by providing them access to the state's online voter registration application or by requesting physical voter registration cards to distribute at their schools.
- 4) Students are encouraged to participate in the democratic process by participating in voter education programs, serving as election workers, and

motivating their peers, family members, and their communities to register to vote and cast their ballots in future elections.

- 5) California boasts nearly 4,300 high schools with more than 2 million high school students, and since the establishment of student voter preregistration programs, more than 1.3 million eligible students have used a student voter preregistration program to preregister to vote, which has added nearly 1.1 million voters to California's voting rolls.
- 6) California is committed to fostering civic engagement and increasing voter participation among youth.

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Related/Prior Legislation

AB 2724 (Reyes, 2024) – Vetoed by the Governor. HR 89 (Pellerin, 2024) – Adopted in Assembly.

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

SUPPORT: (Verified 8/14/25)

None received

OPPOSITION: (Verified 8/14/25)

None received

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