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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2006

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RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

Introduced By: Representatives Pacheco, Rice, T Brien, Diaz, and Ajello

Date Introduced: April 25, 2006

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 17-9.1 of the General Laws entitled "Registration of Voters" is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **17-9.1-33. Age. – (a) Every person who has reached the age of eighteen (18) years or**
4 **who is seventeen (17) years of age and will be eighteen (18) years of age by the date of the next**
5 **election, and is otherwise qualified to register may do so for that election.**

6 **(b) A person who is otherwise qualified to register and is at least sixteen (16) years of age**
7 **but will not be eighteen (18) years of age by the date of the next election may preregister upon**
8 **satisfactory proof of age and shall be automatically registered upon reaching age eighteen (18).**

9 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would authorize persons sixteen (16) and seventeen (17) years of age who
- 2 preregister to vote to automatically be registered upon reaching age eighteen (18).
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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