

116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 734

To amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to require States to accept applications to register to vote in elections for Federal office in the State from individuals under 18 years of age at the time of application.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 23, 2019

Mr. NEGUSE (for himself and Mr. SARBANES) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Next Generation Votes  
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ACCEPTANCE OF VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICA-**  
2 **TIONS FROM INDIVIDUALS UNDER 18 YEARS**  
3 **OF AGE.**

4 (a) ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS.—Section 8 of  
5 the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C.  
6 20507) is amended—

7 (1) by redesignating subsection (j) as sub-  
8 section (k); and

9 (2) by inserting after subsection (i) the fol-  
10 lowing new subsection:

11 “(j) ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS FROM INDIVID-  
12 UALS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A State may not refuse to  
14 accept or process an individual’s application to reg-  
15 ister to vote in elections for Federal office on the  
16 grounds that the individual is under 18 years of age  
17 at the time the individual submits the application, so  
18 long as the individual is at least 16 years of age at  
19 such time.

20 “(2) NO EFFECT ON STATE VOTING AGE RE-  
21 QUIREMENTS.—Nothing in paragraph (1) may be  
22 construed to require a State to permit an individual  
23 who is under 18 years of age at the time of an elec-  
24 tion for Federal office to vote in the election.”.

1           (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by  
2 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to elections occur-  
3 ring on or after January 1, 2020.

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