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Bill 38

An Act to amend the Election Act with respect to voter eligibility

Mr. A. Potts

Private Member's Bill

1st Reading April 10, 2018

2nd Reading

3rd Reading

Royal Assent



An Act to amend the Election Act with respect to voter eligibility

Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:

1 Clause 15 (1) (a) of the *Election Act* is repealed and the following substituted:

(a) has attained 16 years of age;

2 The heading immediately before section 17.7 of the Act is repealed and the following substituted:

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3 (1) Subsection 17.7 (1) of the Act is amended by striking out “16 or 17 years of age” and substituting “14 or 15 years of age”.

(2) Subsection 17.7 (5) of the Act is amended by striking out “18” wherever it appears and substituting in each case “16”.

4 Paragraph 2 of subsection 17.14 (2) of the Act is amended by striking out “18” and substituting “16”.

Commencement

5 This Act comes into force on the day it receives Royal Assent.

Short title

6 The short title of this Act is the *Youth Political Engagement Act, 2018*.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Bill amends the *Election Act* to lower the age for persons to be eligible to vote in an election to the Legislative Assembly from 18 years to 16 years. Related amendments are made throughout the Act.