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Fine Backed Measure Encouraging Young People to Vote Becomes Law

GLENVIEW, IL – Legislation supported by state Rep. Laura Fine (D-Glenview) allowing 17-year-old Illinois residents to vote in the primary election if they are going to be 18-years-old at the time of general election was recently signed into law.

“This is a positive step encouraging young people to become civically engaged,” Fine said. “I hope that by changing the law to allow young people to participate in the election process from the very beginning, we are empowering them to make sure their voices are heard.”

Beginning next year, 17 year-olds will be able to vote in the spring primary election if they will be 18 years-old on or before the general election. Nearly 20 other states, including Iowa, Indiana and Ohio, already have a similar law in place. Advocates and supporters hope that this measure will encourage young adults to vote.

“As lawmakers continue to work to get Illinois back on the right track, we will make many decisions that will affect the lives of the young people in our state,” said Fine. “They deserve to be more actively involved in the democratic process.”

For more information this or other pieces of legislation, please call Rep. Fine’s constituent service office at (847) 998-1717 or by e-mailing RepFine@gmail.com.

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