

ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3591

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 23, 2016

The Assembly Judiciary Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3591.

This bill, designated as the “New Voter Empowerment Act,” permits any registered voter who is 17 years of age prior to the date on which a primary election for the general election is held to vote in that primary election if the registered voter attains 18 years of age on or before the day of the next succeeding general election.

A recent enactment allows certain 17-year-olds to register to vote. P.L.2015, c.222 amended R.S.19:31-5 to provide that a person who is at least 17 years of age may register to vote if he will be at least 18 at the time of the election. Such persons are designated in the Statewide voter registration system as temporarily ineligible to vote until their 18th birthday.