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OF NORTH CAROLINA**

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Legislative Action Alert for May 9, 2009
HB 1260 – “Voter Pre-registration and Education”
LWVNC PRIORITY

IF YOU HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE ON THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE, PLEASE CONTACT HER OR HIM THIS WEEKEND AND ASK THAT THEY SUPPORT THIS BILL.

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This bill was passed with a unanimous vote in the House Election Law Committee on Wednesday, and has been sent to the House Education Committee. It is expected to be heard on Tuesday.

H-1260: "Voter Pre-registration and Education" is supported by a bi-partisan group of 30 sponsors and co-sponsors and helps address the low voter participation among young people. It will allow 16 and 17 year olds to pre-register by filling out the voter registration form at the age when they encounter civics education and civic privileges and responsibilities.

** This is the age when teenagers typically go to DMV to get their driver's license and also when they take civics class in the 10th grade.

** The young person won't get to vote at an earlier age, but can complete the regular registration form as part of their civics education or at the DMV office, checking a new box on the form for 16 and 17 year olds.

** School administrators, principals, and teachers have all given the bill their blessing. The bill does not mandate new requirements on school systems, but does encourage teaching about the voting process.

Full text of bill:

<http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/gascripts/BillLookUp/BillLookUp.pl?Session=2009&BillID=H+1260>

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