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Representative Donahue of Northfield moves that the bill be amended as follows:

First: In Sec. 1, 17 V.S.A. § 2145a (registration at the Department of Motor Vehicles), by striking out subdivision (b)(2)(C) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(C) “In order to be registered to vote, you must: (1) be a U.S. citizen; (2) be a resident of Vermont; (3) have taken the voter’s oath; and (4) be 18 years of age or older. Any person meeting the requirements of (1)–(3) who will be 18 years of age on or before the date of a general election may register and vote in the primary election immediately preceding that general election. Failure to decline to register is an attestation that you meet the requirements to vote.”

Second: In Sec. 2, 17 V.S.A. § 2145 (application forms), by adding after subdivision (a)(5) the following:

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(f) A person who makes a false statement in completing a voter registration application form or the voter registration portion of an application for a motor vehicle driver’s license or nondriver identification card knowing the statement to be false shall be subject to the penalties of perjury as provided in 13 V.S.A. § 2901, except that a person who is not eligible to register to vote and who

1 otherwise completes the application accurately shall not be considered to have
2 made a false statement under this subsection by his or her failure to opt out on
3 a motor vehicle driver's license or nondriver identification card application
4 under section 2145a of this title.

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