

1 H.418

2 Introduced by Representatives Donovan of Burlington, Anthony of Barre City,
3 Beck of St. Johnsbury, Cina of Burlington, Colburn of
4 Burlington, Gonzalez of Winooski, Sullivan of Burlington, and
5 Troiano of Stannard

6 Referred to Committee on

7 Date:

8 Subject: Elections; local elections; qualifications of voters; 16- and 17-year-
9 olds

10 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to allow 16- and
11 17-year-olds to vote in municipal elections.

12 An act relating to allowing 16- and 17-year-olds to vote in municipal
13 elections

14 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

15 Sec. 1. 17 V.S.A. § 2656 is amended to read:

16 § 2656. QUALIFICATION AND REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

17 (a) Regardless of the type of voting used,;

18 (1) the qualifications to vote in any municipal election shall be as
19 provided in chapter 43 of this title, except that, notwithstanding subdivision
20 2121(a)(4) of that chapter, a person who is 16 or 17 years of age who

1 otherwise meets the qualifications of that chapter shall be eligible to vote in a
2 municipal election; and

3 (2) all municipalities shall revise and post checklists as provided in
4 chapter 43 of this title prior to any municipal meeting at which there will be
5 voting.

6 (b) The presiding officer shall follow reasonable and necessary procedures
7 to ensure that persons who are not voters of the town do not vote.

8 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

9 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.