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A Bill

SENATE BILL 510

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ALLOW A SIXTEEN (16) YEAR OLD TO
PREREGISTER TO VOTE; TO AMEND AMENDMENT 51 OF THE
ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ALLOW A SIXTEEN (16) YEAR OLD TO
PREREGISTER TO VOTE; AND TO AMEND
AMENDMENT 51 OF THE ARKANSAS
CONSTITUTION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Amendment 51, § 9, of the Arkansas Constitution is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(m)(1) A person who has reached sixteen (16) years of age but who will not reach eighteen (18) years of age by the date of the next election may preregister to vote using any means of registration available to a person of voting age.

(2) The preregistered person's registration will become automatically active when the preregistered person reaches eighteen (18) years of age.

(3) If a person has preregistered to vote, he or she may update his or her preregistration to vote using the means of updating registration available to a person of voting age.

(4) A person preregistering to vote under this subsection (m) shall make the following self-affirmation in writing submitted with his or



her registration application: "I, _____ (name) _____, do solemnly affirm that I am a citizen of the United States and that on the date of the first election at which I vote I will have attained the age of eighteen (18) years and resided in the state of Arkansas at least thirty (30) days and in _____ (precinct) _____ at least thirty (30) days before the election. I further affirm that the present address I listed in my registration materials is my sole legal place of residence and that I claim no other place as my legal residence."