
SENATE BILL No. 33

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-30-5-4.

Synopsis: Voter education. Requires public and accredited nonpublic high schools to provide: (1) a three hour session to grade 12 students concerning voting; and (2) voter registration forms to graduating students and to students who leave school without graduating and are at least 18 years of age.

Effective: July 1, 2007.

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January 8, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-30-5-4, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005, SECTION
2 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
3 2007]: Sec. 4. (a) Each public school and nonpublic school shall
4 provide within the two (2) weeks preceding a general election for all
5 students in grades 6 through 12 five (5) full recitation periods of class
6 discussion concerning:
7 (1) the system of government in Indiana and in the United States;
8 (2) methods of voting;
9 (3) party structures;
10 (4) election laws; and
11 (5) the responsibilities of citizen participation in government and
12 in elections.
13 **(b) Each public and nonpublic high school, assisted by local
14 election officials, shall provide a single three (3) hour
15 comprehensive session to students in grade 12 concerning voting.
16 The session shall include at least the following elements:
17 (1) The importance of voting.**



- 1 **(2) Voter registration requirements and procedures, including**
- 2 **the opportunity to register for students who will be eligible to**
- 3 **vote at the next election.**
- 4 **(3) Methods of voting, including:**
- 5 **(A) an explanation and demonstration of the voting**
- 6 **method used in the county in which the high school is**
- 7 **located; and**
- 8 **(B) the use of absentee ballots.**
- 9 **(4) The sites of polling places in the county in which the high**
- 10 **school is located, and an explanation of how to determine**
- 11 **which polling place to use.**
- 12 **(c) Each public and nonpublic high school shall provide a voter**
- 13 **registration form to:**
- 14 **(1) a graduating senior at the same time the graduating**
- 15 **senior's diploma is awarded; and**
- 16 **(2) a student who leaves school without graduating if the**
- 17 **student is at least eighteen (18) years of age at the time the**
- 18 **student leaves school.**
- 19 ~~(b)~~ **(d) A student may not receive a high school diploma unless the**
- 20 **student has completed a two (2) semester course in American history.**
- 21 ~~(c)~~ **(e) If a public school superintendent violates this section, the**
- 22 **state superintendent shall receive and record reports of the violations.**
- 23 **The general assembly may examine these reports.**

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