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HR-12 (2017-2018)

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2017–2018 REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE RESOLUTION

NO. 12

Introduced by Assembly Member Gomez

January 30, 2017

Relative to voter education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

HR 12, as amended, Gomez.

WHEREAS, It is currently required that voter education information, including the importance of registering to vote, how to register to vote, and the requirements to qualify as eligible to register to vote, be included in the American government and civics curriculum at the high school level; and

WHEREAS, Many high school pupils have not taken advantage of voter preregistration, in which eligible 16-year-old and 17-year-old Californians are encouraged to participate; and

WHEREAS, Voting among California's youth is strikingly lower than ~~in~~ *voting by* other age groups, as the 18 to 29, inclusive, age group made up 21.2 percent of the eligible voting population in 2012, yet made up a mere 15.4 percent of voters, compared to the group aged 65 years of age and older, who made up 19.1 percent of the eligible voting population in 2012, yet they constituted 22.3 percent of those who cast ballots; and

WHEREAS, A healthy democracy requires a diverse amalgamation of voices and opinions in pursuit of governing with the consent of a plurality that better represents a constituency as diverse as that which exists in the Golden State of California; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That, during the next revision of the history-social science curriculum framework after January 1, 2018, the Assembly requests the Instructional Quality Commission to consider including content on the importance of preregistering to vote in local, state, and federal elections, how to preregister to vote, both online and by mail, and the requirements for preregistering to vote, as appropriate, in that framework; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.