

NO on State Proposition 18

CoCoTax says “**NO**” to **PROPOSTION 18** to lower the voting registration age.

Synopses excerpted from Ballotpedia.

“The fiscal impact statement is as follows:

- Increased costs for counties, likely between several hundreds of thousands of dollars and \$1 million every two years, to send and process voting materials to eligible registered 17-year-olds.
- Increased one-time costs to the state in the hundreds of thousands of dollars to update existing voter registration systems.”

The Election Integrity Project California: "17-year-olds are legal minors. Under that definition, they are still considered children. They are almost all still living at home and under the strong influence of their parents. This is not conducive to independent thought and voting without undue pressure from their immediate superiors...17-year-olds will almost always still be in high school, and under the strong influence of their teachers. This again makes it less likely that they would be expressing their own, independently thought-out choices were they to be allowed to vote.”

CoCoTax would add:

17-year-olds rarely pay taxes (other than sales tax). Adults have difficulty understanding the costs of ballot measures and a 17-year-old would probably not have a clue. It is the privilege and responsibility of adults to vote.