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House Bill 4233

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committee on the Judiciary]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §3-2-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to
 2 eligibility to register to vote; and reducing the age from eighteen years to sixteen years of
 3 persons permitted to register to vote.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That §3-2-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted
 2 to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2. REGISTRATION OF VOTERS.

§3-2-2. Eligibility to register to vote.

1 (a) Any person who possesses the Constitutional qualifications for voting may register to
 2 vote. To be qualified, a person must be a citizen of the United States and a legal resident of West
 3 Virginia and of the county where he or she is applying to register, shall be at least eighteen years
 4 of age, except that a person who is at least ~~seventeen~~ sixteen years of age and who will be
 5 eighteen years of age by the time of the next ensuing general election may also be permitted to
 6 register, and shall not be otherwise legally disqualified: *Provided*, That a registered voter who has
 7 not reached eighteen years of age may vote both partisan and nonpartisan ballots in a federal,
 8 state, county, municipal or special primary election if he or she will be eighteen years of age by
 9 the time of the corresponding general election.

10 (b) Any person who has been convicted of a felony, treason or bribery in an election, under
 11 either state or federal law, is disqualified and is not eligible to register or to continue to be
 12 registered to vote while serving his or her sentence, including any period of incarceration,
 13 probation or parole related thereto. Any person who has been declared mentally incompetent by
 14 a court of competent jurisdiction is disqualified and shall not be eligible to register or to continue
 15 to be registered to vote for as long as that disability continues.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to reduce the age from eighteen years to sixteen years of persons permitted to register to vote if that person will be eighteen years of age by the time of the next general election.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.