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H 1178. PROMOTE VOTING BY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. Filed 4/7/09. *TO PROMOTE AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP EFFORTS BY ENCOURAGING VOTING BY ELIGIBLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.*

Amends GS 115C-81(g1) (describing components of the social studies curriculum) to require the curriculum to include instruction on voter eligibility and the process of completing voter registration forms. Adds new GS 115C-47(53) to require local boards of education to ensure that voter registration forms are distributed to all enrolled students age 17 and older prior to the registration deadline for each primary and general election, and to take other steps to facilitate voter registration by eligible students. Amends GS 163-82.23 to remove the provision allowing a local board of education to designate high school employees to assist in completing voter registration forms.

Effective when the act becomes law, applicable to the 2009-10 school year.

Intro. by Bell.

GS 115C, 163