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I oppose.

The age of 18 is when a person is considered a legal adult, and no longer a minor. A minor (less than age 18) would not qualify to have all the rights (including voting) of a citizen of full age. Why would it be expected then that reducing the voting age to 16 is a rational or reasonable amendment?

Is the motivation for this proposed reduced voting age to further harvest ballots from impressionable teenagers and impact elections to favor certain candidates?

Wouldn't a 16 year old be so much more susceptible to bribes, or coercions being swayed to vote for a certain candidate or party?

Stop tinkering with the voting age and rather focus on making elections more secure.

ORS 109.510

Age of majority

Except as provided in ORS 109.520 (Majority of married persons), in this state any person shall be deemed to have arrived at majority at the age of 18 years, and thereafter shall:

(1)Have control of the person's own actions and business; and

(2)Have all the rights and be subject to all the liabilities of a citizen of full age.

[Amended by 1973 c.827 §14; 2005 c.22 §91]