

House Watch

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FINAL PASSAGE

[HB 4261](#)

(Liss)

The bills (HB 4261 and HB 4337) would allow young people to pre-register to vote beginning at age 16 when they apply for a driver's license. House Bill 4261 (H-2) specifies that a person could pre-register to vote at a secretary of state office, if he or she met all of the following requirements:

- Was at least 16 years of age but less than 17 1/2 of age.
- Had been issued either a graduated license to operate a motor vehicle or an official state personal identification card.
- Was a citizen of the United States.

The bill authorizes the secretary of state to create a pre-registration to vote application, and requires that a person pre-register using that form.

- **Substitute H-2 was adopted.**
- **HB 4261 advanced to 3rd Reading**
- **HB 4261 was passed [RC 236: 92 yes, 18 no]**
- **IE was ordered.**

[HB 4337](#)

(Robert Jones)

Under House Bill 4337 (H-2), a person who pre-registered would become a registered elector at age 17 1/2, and would become eligible to vote at the first election after turning 18 years of age. The bill requires that immediately upon receipt, the secretary of state transmit the pre-registration to vote application to the appropriate city or township clerk, and also transmit the electronic data for the pre-registration to the qualified voter file. The pre-registration application would be held in a separate file, and could not be moved to the master file until the person who filed the application became 17-1/2 years old. The qualified voter file could not include the name of a person who pre-registered to vote on a precinct voter list before the person became 18 years old. If a person who pre-registered to vote changed the address that appeared on his or her driver license or personal identification card, then the pre-registration to vote address would also be changed. When a person who pre-registered to vote became 17-1/2 years old, the secretary of

state would send a notice through the qualified voter file to the appropriate city or township clerk, directing the clerk to send a voter identification card to the person who had pre-registered. The city or township clerk who received the notice from the secretary of state would then send a voter identification card to the person who had pre-registered, and add that person to the master file.

- Substitute H-2 was adopted.
- HB 4337 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 4337 was passed [RC 237: 94 yes, 16 no]
- IE was ordered

HB 4890

(Byrum)

HB 4890 would adopt various revisions to the state law on viatical settlements recommended by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. Viatical settlements allow a person to invest in another person's life insurance policy by purchasing the policy (or part of it) at a price that is less than the death benefit of the policy. When the seller dies, the purchaser collects the death benefit. This is a means for life insurance owners to get cash before they die.

- Substitute H-2 was adopted.
- HB 4890 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 4890 was passed [RC 238: 109 yes, 1 no]
- IE was ordered.

HB 4891

(Byrum)

HB 4890 would provide sentencing guidelines for violations of the viatical settlement contracts regulations proposed by House Bill 4890.

- HB 4891 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 4891 was passed [RC 239: 108, 2 no]
- IE was ordered.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

HR 79

(Mayes)

A resolution to recognize the importance of pollinators to ecosystem health and agriculture in Michigan and the value of partnership efforts that increase awareness about pollinators and build support for protecting and sustaining pollinators by designating June 21-27, 2009, as Michigan Pollinator Week in Michigan.

- The Resolution was adopted