

SCHEDULED TO BE INTRODUCED TO A.L.A. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING, WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 1970, DETROIT

Resolution on the 18 year old vote

Whereas, male and female U.S. citizens between the ages of 18 and 21 are prohibited from exercising the right to vote in all federal and most state and local elections

And Whereas these same young men and women, according to federal law, have the legal rights and responsibilities of adults in such areas as serving in the armed forces, working for a living, and paying taxes

And Whereas, young men and women between 18 and 21 years old, by virtue of their education and increasing political and social awareness, are capable of exercising mature voting judgment

And Whereas, librarians and libraries have a commitment to the creation and preservation of a broadly informed, politically active citizenry

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- 1.) The voting membership of the American Library Association wholeheartedly supports the concept of extending the right to vote to all U.S. citizens between the ages of 18 and 21 years old.
- 2.) The voting membership of the American Library Association instructs its executive officers to use the influence of the American Library Association to secure Congressional passage of the Mansfield Amendment to The Voting Rights Act, which gives the right to vote to all U.S. citizens 18 years old or older.

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