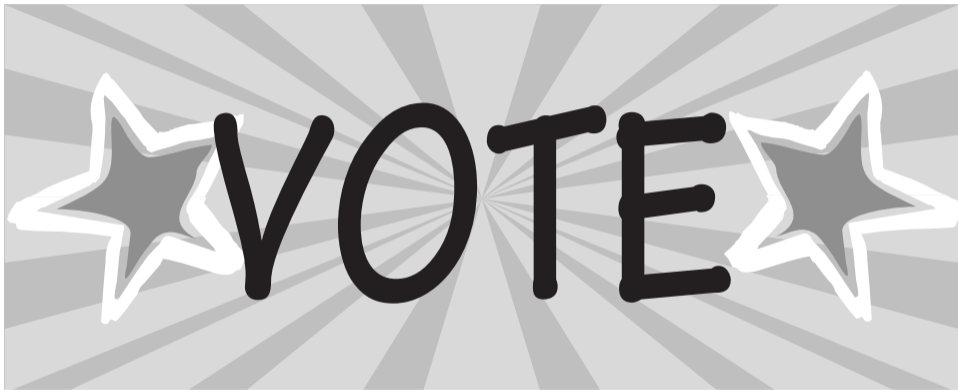


determine

YOUR

future





Most young people can't wait to turn 16 and get a driver's license. A license equals power.

But the power you gain at 16 can't compare to the power you'll have just two years later.

At age 18, you can:

- Amend the state constitution.
- Determine who will run the community and state in which you live.
- Put a person in the White House – or remove that person four years later.



IN SHORT, YOU CAN VOTE.

★ Why vote?

If you owned a business, wouldn't you want to hire your own workers? People you trust?

Democracy works the same way. Elected officials work for you. You pay their salaries. If you vote, you can "hire" who you want. If you don't vote, you have no say in how your government is run. It's that simple.

Don't let someone else decide for you. Make your own choices.

★ Who can vote?

Citizens age 18 and older are eligible. You can apply if you will be 18 at the time of the next election.

★ Can one vote count?

Believe it or not, some elections are decided by a handful of votes. Your vote could literally win or lose an election. It is that important.

★ How can I register?

Thanks to a Pennsylvania law, you can register when you apply for a new driver's license. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation will provide you with information when your license comes up for renewal.

You can also download a voter registration form from the Department of State's website at www.votespa.com or stop by a public library, the post office, or the county courthouse and ask for a registration form. You don't even have to be affiliated with a political party. Fill out the simple form and you will receive a card listing where you should vote.

★ Is voting difficult?

Casting a ballot is easy. Election workers will guide you through the process if you have questions. So read up on the candidates' positions and head to the polls.

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EXERCISE YOUR RIGHTS, YOUR POWER

★ **IN THE VOTING BOOTH** ★

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