



Twenty-Sixth Amendment to the United States Constitution

March 23rd was Democracy Day. We celebrated students right to vote by visiting a couple of High Schools. We also promoted our High School Voter Education program and recruited student poll workers for June's election.

While preparing for Democracy Day, one man stood out, Senator Jennings Randolph of West Virginia. He worked diligently to grant voting rights to citizens between 18 -21. Eleven times he failed while attempting to lower the voting age.

Why did he push so hard and with such determination? In the late 1960's, 18 year olds were called to enlist in the Vietnam War. Many felt , along with the protesters of the war, "Old enough to fight, old enough to vote!". Senator Randolph agreed.

He first introduced a bill in 1942, arguing that young soldiers fighting in World War II should be able to vote. It didn't pass for 30 years. In 1970, amendments to the Voting Rights Act did lower the voting age to 18 in both local and national elections. Unfortunately, in a Supreme Court decision of Oregon verses Mitchell, it was discovered that only Congress had the power to lower the voting age to 18 for national elections, and no power to lower it for state elections.

Randolph was among the Senators who reintroduced the amendment to congress. Congress adopted a proposed constitutional amendment setting a uniform national voting age of 18 in all elections. In 1971, the states promptly approved the Twenty-Sixth Amendment.

We celebrate your right to vote!

Building the next generation of poll workers

It is Cathy Darling Allen's goal to place one student in each of the 85 precincts in June. We hope that you will have the opportunity to inspire, share your wealth of knowledge and inspire the students to come back and serve in another election. Thanks in advance for making **their** experience memorable.

Help us recruit student poll workers.

Benefits:

- Helps build resume/college application
- Earn \$100
- First hand election experience
- Possible community graduation credits
- Civic involvement

Requirements:

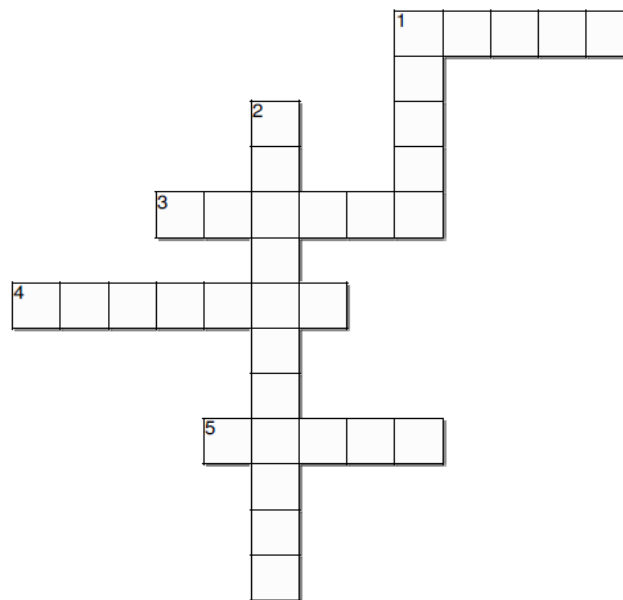
- US citizen/Legal Permanent Resident
- At least 16 years old
- GPA of at least 2.5
- Attend one 2 hour training
- Work from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Interested students: Apply online at www.elections.co.shasta.ca.us

TRIVIA TIME

Serving a Voter

Complete the crossword below



Across

1. A voter is allowed _____ ballots to try and make their final decision.
3. What color is the clerk's copy of the Active Roster?
4. Voter mistake on a ballot: The old ballot is placed in a _____ ballot envelope
5. _____ turn away a voter.

Down

1. It is unlawful for a voter to vote _____.
2. Vote-by-Mail voter wants to vote at the precinct. Retrieve VBM ballot and write _____ on ballot/envelope and in the Active Roster, issue a new ballot.

Across: 1. Three, 3. Purple, 4. Spoiled, 5. Never
Down: 1. Twice, 2. Surrendered

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