



House Bill 373

Title: VOTING AGE - Board of Education Elections

Hearing Date: February 2, 2024

Position: UNFAVORABLE

Committee: Ways and Means.

Moms for Liberty Maryland Legislative Committee urges an Unfavorable Report on HB 373.

Since the 1990s, efforts have been underway in many states to lower the voting age to 16. The majority of the American people oppose this idea. According to a Hill-Harris X poll, 84% opposed allowing 16 year olds to vote.

<https://thehill.com/hilltv/what-americas-thinking/441838-poll-most-americans-dont-want-to-lower-voting-age/>

Adolescents lack the maturity and knowledge to exercise this sacred obligation of citizenship. The scores for Civics proficiency bears this out.

https://www.nationsreportcard.gov/civics/supporting_files/civics_2022_infographic.pdf

Moms for Liberty agrees with the majority of Americans that lowering the voting age is a bad idea. **We request an Unfavorable Report for HB 373.**

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