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Reduce the voting age to 16 for UK parliamentary elections and all local elections in England.

**B**E IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

## **1 Reduction of voting age**

- (1) The Representation of the People Act 1983 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 1(1)(d) (definition of voting age for parliamentary elections), for “18” substitute “16”.
- (3) In section 2 (local government electors)—
  - (a) in subsection (1)(d), after “subsection (1A))” insert “and England (see subsection (1B))”, and
  - (b) after subsection (1A) insert—

“(1B) In England, voting age is 16 years or over.”

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## **2 Extent, commencement and short title**

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- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- (2) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Representation of the People (Young People's Enfranchisement) Act 2021.

# Representation of the People (Young People's Enfranchisement) Bill [HL]

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