

## U. S. to Avoid<sup>18</sup> Vote Dispute *9/18/71*

The Justice Department has told Sen. Edward W. Brooke (R., Mass.), it will take no stand on where newly-enfranchised young voters, particularly college students, should vote.

Deputy Attorney General Richard Kleindienst wrote Brooke: "Under our dual form of federalism . . . it would be inappropriate and inadvisable for the Department of Justice to establish guidelines to assist state or local voter registration officials as you suggest."

Brooke disagreed. He cited the 1964 Civil Rights Act as a basis from which the government could advise the states on a consistent policy.

He said he had asked Attorney General John Mitchell to set standards because there are varying state and local regulations on residency and absentee ballots affecting 18 to 21-year-olds. In some college cities, large numbers of students make possible the domination of politics by young people, but under some rulings they would vote instead in their hometowns.

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Sen. Brooke