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CHAPTER 34

PRECINCT ELECTION BOARD MEMBERSHIP — HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

H.F. 618

AN ACT allowing a county commissioner of elections to appoint certain high school students to serve as precinct election board members.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 49.13, Code 2007, is amended by adding the following new subsection: **NEW SUBSECTION.** 5. The commissioner may appoint high school students who are not yet qualified to be registered voters to serve as precinct election board members.

a. To qualify to serve as a precinct election board member, a high school student shall:

- (1) Be a United States citizen.
- (2) Be at least seventeen years of age and a student in good standing enrolled in a public or private secondary school in Iowa.
- (3) Receive credit in at least four subjects, each of one period or hour, or the equivalent thereof, at all times. The eligible subjects are language arts, social studies, mathematics, science, health, physical education, fine arts, foreign language, and vocational education. Coursework taken as a postsecondary enrollment option for which a school district or accredited nonpublic school grants academic credit toward high school graduation shall be used in determining eligibility. A student shall not be denied eligibility if the student's school program deviates from the traditional two-semester school year. Each student wishing to participate under this subsection shall be passing all coursework for which credit is given and shall be making adequate progress toward graduation requirements at the end of each grading period. At the end of a grading period that is the final grading period in a school year, a student who receives a failing grade in any course for which credit is awarded is ineligible to participate under this subsection. A student who is eligible at the close of a semester is academically eligible to participate under this subsection until the beginning of the subsequent semester. A student with a disability who has an individualized education program shall not be denied eligibility to participate under this subsection on the basis of scholarship if the student is making adequate progress, as determined by school officials, towards the goals and objectives on the student's individualized education program.
- (4) At the time of appointment, have the written approval of the principal of the secondary school the student attends.
- (5) Have the written approval of the student's parent or legal guardian.
- (6) Have satisfactorily completed the training course for election officials.
- (7) Meet all other qualifications for appointment and service as an election board member except the requirement of being a registered voter.

b. No more than one student precinct election board member may serve on each precinct election board.

c. Student precinct election board members shall not serve as the chairperson of a precinct election board.

d. Before serving at a partisan election, the student precinct election board member must certify in writing to the commissioner the political party with which the student is affiliated.

e. Student precinct election board members shall not be allowed to work more hours than allowed under the applicable labor laws.

f. A student who serves on a precinct election board is not eligible to receive class credit for such service unless such service qualifies as meeting the requirements of a class assignment imposed on all students in the class.

g. No later than fourteen days after the date of the election, the commissioner shall report to the appropriate secondary school the following information:

(1) The name of each student attending the school who served as a precinct election board member on election day.

(2) The number of hours the student served as a precinct election board member.

(3) The precinct number and polling place location where the student served as a precinct election board member.

(4) Any other information the commissioner deems appropriate or that is requested by the school.

Sec. 2. Section 49.15, Code 2007, is amended by adding the following new unnumbered paragraph:

NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. In drawing up precinct election board panels, the commissioner may use student precinct election board members appointed pursuant to section 49.13, subsection 5.

Approved April 3, 2007

CHAPTER 35
VOTER REGISTRATION
H.F. 653

AN ACT allowing a voter to register to vote and to vote after regular registration and prior to voting in an election and making a penalty applicable and providing an applicability date.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 39A.2, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code 2007, is amended to read as follows:

a. REGISTRATION FRAUD.

(1) Produces, procures, submits, or accepts a voter registration application that is known by the person to be materially false, fictitious, forged, or fraudulent.

(2) Falsely swears to an oath required pursuant to section 48A.7A.

Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 48A.7A ELECTION DAY AND IN-PERSON ABSENTEE REGISTRATION.

1. a. A person who is eligible to register to vote and to vote may register on election day by