

CHAPTER 67

ELECTION PRECINCT BOUNDARIES AND CONSOLIDATIONS

H.F. 471

AN ACT relating to election precinct boundaries and consolidations.

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

Section 1. Section 49.8, subsection 7, Code 2017, is amended to read as follows:

7. Precinct boundaries established by or pursuant to [section 49.3 or 49.4](#), and not changed under [subsection 1](#) since the most recent federal decennial census, may be changed once during the period beginning January 1 of the second year following a year in which a federal decennial census is taken and ending June 30 of the year immediately following the year in which the next succeeding federal decennial census is taken, if the commissioner recommends and the board of supervisors finds that the change will effect a substantial savings in election costs. Changes made under [this subsection](#) shall be made not later than ninety-nine days before a primary election, unless the changes will not take effect until January 1 of the next even-numbered year.

Sec. 2. Section 49.11, subsection 3, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2017, is amended to read as follows:

The precincts established pursuant to [section 49.7](#) shall not be changed except in the manner provided by law. However, ~~for any election other than the primary or general election or any special election held under [section 69.14](#),~~ the county commissioner of elections may:

Sec. 3. Section 49.11, subsection 3, paragraph d, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2017, is amended to read as follows:

~~Notwithstanding [subsection 1](#),~~ The commissioner may also consolidate precincts for any election ~~including a primary and general election~~ under any of the following circumstances:

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