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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to a request for an absentee ballot on behalf of
2 a member of the armed forces of the United States.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 53.40, unnumbered paragraph 2, Code
2 2003, is amended to read as follows:

3 Unless the request specifies otherwise, a request for the
4 primary election shall also be considered a request for the
5 general election. ~~In-the-case-of-the-general-election~~ For all
6 elections, request may be made not more than seventy days
7 before the election, for and on behalf of a voter in the armed
8 forces of the United States by a spouse, parent, parent-in-
9 law, adult brother, adult sister, or adult child of the voter,
10 residing in the county of the voter's residence. However, a
11 request made by other than the voter may be required to be
12 made on forms prescribed by the state commissioner.

13 EXPLANATION

14 This bill provides that a family member, specified by law,
15 may make a request for an absentee ballot on behalf of a voter
16 in the armed forces of the United States for any election.
17 Current law allows requests by proxy for a member of the armed
18 forces only for the general election.

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