

# House File 2132 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the tally of absentee votes by precinct.  
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 49.31, subsection 7, Code 2007, is  
1 2 amended to read as follows:

1 3 7. For the purpose of ballot rotation the absentee ballot  
1 4 and special voters precinct ~~may~~ shall not be considered a  
1 5 separate precinct.

1 6 Sec. 2. Section 49.57, Code Supplement 2007, is amended by  
1 7 adding the following new subsection:

1 8 NEW SUBSECTION. 8. Absentee ballots counted by hand or  
1 9 entered onto voting machines pursuant to section 53.24 shall  
1 10 include the resident precinct number of the absentee voter.  
1 11 If absentee voting is conducted by means of an optical scan  
1 12 voting system, the ballots shall be coded with the resident  
1 13 precinct number of the absentee voter.

1 14 Sec. 3. Section 52.33, subsection 1, Code Supplement 2007,  
1 15 is amended to read as follows:

1 16 1. In any county in which the board of supervisors has  
1 17 adopted voting by means of an optical scan voting system, the  
1 18 commissioner shall also conduct absentee voting by use of such  
1 19 a system. In any other county, the commissioner may with  
1 20 approval of the board of supervisors conduct absentee voting  
1 21 by use of an optical scan voting system. All provisions of  
1 22 chapter 53 shall apply to such absentee voting, so far as  
1 23 applicable. In counties where absentee voting is conducted by  
1 24 use of an optical scan voting system, the special precinct  
1 25 counting board shall, at the time required by chapter 53,  
1 26 prepare absentee ballots for tabulation in the manner  
1 27 prescribed by this chapter. In counties where absentee voting  
1 28 is conducted by use of an optical scan voting system, the  
1 29 tabulating device shall be programmed to produce a report  
1 30 showing the resident precinct of the absentee voter.

1 31 Sec. 4. Section 53.23, subsection 2, Code Supplement 2007,  
1 32 is amended to read as follows:

1 33 2. The board's powers and duties shall be the same as  
1 34 those provided in chapter 50 for precinct election officials  
1 35 in regular precinct polling places. However, the election  
2 1 board of the special precinct shall receive from the  
2 2 commissioner and count all absentee ballots for all precincts  
2 3 in the county; when two or more political subdivisions in the  
2 4 county hold elections simultaneously the special precinct  
2 5 election board shall count absentee ballots cast in all of the  
2 6 elections so held. The tally list shall be recorded on forms  
2 7 prescribed by the state commissioner. The board shall also  
2 8 record a separate tally of the votes for each candidate by  
2 9 resident precinct of the absentee voter. The separate tally  
2 10 list shall be on a form prescribed by the state commissioner  
2 11 and, upon request, shall be made available for public  
2 12 inspection.

### EXPLANATION

2 13 This bill provides that the absentee ballot and special  
2 14 voters precinct board shall record a separate tally of votes  
2 15 by resident precinct of the absentee voter. The separate  
2 16 tally shall be available for public inspection upon request.  
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