

Senate File 104 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the age at which an elector is eligible to
2 register to vote and to vote in a school district election.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 48A.5, subsection 2, paragraph c, Code
1 2 2007, is amended to read as follows:
1 3 c. Be at least eighteen years of age. However, for
1 4 purposes of voting in a school district election, an eligible
1 5 elector shall be at least seventeen years of age. Completed
1 6 registration forms shall be accepted from registrants who are
1 7 at least seventeen ~~and a half~~ years of age; ~~however,~~ For all
1 8 elections except school district elections, the registration
1 9 shall not be effective until the registrant reaches the age of
1 10 eighteen.

1 11 Sec. 2. Section 48A.11, subsection 3, paragraph c, Code
1 12 2007, is amended to read as follows:
1 13 c. If you checked "no" in response to either of these
1 14 questions, do not complete this form. However, for purposes
1 15 of voting in a school district election, you may complete this
1 16 form if you are at least seventeen years of age.

1 17 Sec. 3. Section 48A.14, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code
1 18 2007, is amended to read as follows:

1 19 b. The challenged registrant is less than seventeen ~~and~~
1 20 ~~one-half~~ years of age.

1 21 Sec. 4. Section 48A.23, subsection 1, Code 2007, is
1 22 amended to read as follows:

1 23 1. At least twice during each school year, the board of
1 24 directors of each school district operating a high school and
1 25 the authorities in charge of each accredited nonpublic school
1 26 shall offer the opportunity to register to vote to each
1 27 student who is at least seventeen ~~and one-half~~ years of age.

1 28 Sec. 5. Section 48A.26, subsection 9, Code 2007, is
1 29 amended to read as follows:

1 30 9. When a person who is at least seventeen ~~and one-half~~
1 31 years of age but less than eighteen years of age registers to
1 32 vote, the commissioner shall maintain a record of the
1 33 registration so as to clearly indicate that it will not take
1 34 effect until the registrant's eighteenth birthday and that the
1 35 person is registered and qualifies to vote at any election
2 1 held on or after that date. However, for purposes of voting
2 2 in a school district election, the registration shall take
2 3 effect immediately.

2 4 Sec. 6. Section 48A.31, Code 2007, is amended to read as
2 5 follows:

2 6 48A.31 DECEASED PERSONS RECORD.

2 7 The state registrar of vital statistics shall transmit or
2 8 cause to be transmitted to the state registrar of voters, once
2 9 each calendar quarter, a certified list of all persons
2 10 seventeen ~~and one-half~~ years of age and older in the state
2 11 whose deaths have been reported to the bureau of vital records
2 12 of the Iowa department of public health since the previous
2 13 list of decedents was certified to the state registrar of
2 14 voters. The list shall be submitted according to the
2 15 specifications of the state registrar of voters, who shall
2 16 determine whether each listed decedent was registered to vote
2 17 in this state. If the decedent was registered in a county
2 18 which uses its own data processing facilities for voter
2 19 registration recordkeeping, the registrar shall notify the
2 20 commissioner in that county who shall cancel the decedent's

2 21 registration. If the decedent was registered in a county for
2 22 which voter registration recordkeeping is performed under
2 23 contract by the registrar, the registrar shall immediately
2 24 cancel the registration and notify the commissioner of the
2 25 county in which the decedent was registered to vote of the
2 26 cancellation.

2 27 Sec. 7. Section 49.81, subsection 4, Code 2007, is amended
2 28 to read as follows:

2 29 4. The individual envelopes used for each provisional
2 30 ballot cast pursuant to subsection 1 shall have printed on
2 31 them the following:

2 32 I believe I am a registered voter of this county and I am
2 33 eligible to vote in this election. I registered to vote in
2 34 county on or about at My name at that
2 35 time was I have not moved to a different county since
3 1 that time. I am a United States citizen, at least eighteen
3 2 years of age or seventeen years of age in the case of a school
3 3 district election.

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3 5 (signature of voter) (date)

3 6 The following information is to be provided by the precinct
3 7 election official:

3 8 Reason for challenge:

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3 11 Did not present required identification form.

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3 13 (signature of precinct
3 14 election official)

3 15 The precinct election official shall attach a completed
3 16 voter registration form from each provisional voter unless the
3 17 person's registration status is listed in the election
3 18 register as pending.

3 19 EXPLANATION

3 20 This bill allows a person at least 17 years of age to
3 21 register to vote. The bill also allows an elector who is at
3 22 least 17 years of age, and who has registered to vote, to vote
3 23 in school district elections.

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