

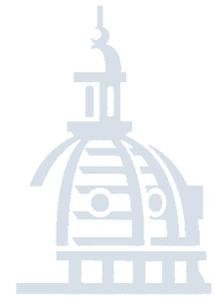


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HF 2470 – Election Law Changes (LSB 6187HV)

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Description

House File 2470 makes various changes to laws relating to absentee voting and voter registration including:

- Adds to the list of documents that are accepted for the purposes of establishing residency for election day. Receipts for payment of property tax, a utility bill, or a bank statement with the current address are all considered acceptable documentation to establish residency.
- Requires the Secretary of State to include space on the voter registration form for the registrant to indicate whether the voter would like to request an absentee ballot for the next election effective January 1, 2012.
- Requires the name and address of each person casting a provisional ballot.
- Requires that spaces on the absentee ballot application form be arranged in such a manner that required information is at the beginning of the form before spaces for optional information effective January 1, 2012.
- Requires that once a special precinct election board is convened to count absentee and provisional ballots, the count must be continued until complete unless an equipment malfunction causes the count to be interrupted.
- Requires reports be recorded on the Statewide voter registration system with 48 hours of receipt of the application by the Secretary of State.

Assumptions

- The Secretary of State's Office will print new signs and instructional materials for polling places at the cost of \$7,000 for FY 2011.
- Requires considerable changes to the Statewide voter registration system and would require an outside contractor to develop software programs at the cost of \$90,000 for FY 2011.
- New design and printing of the voter registration form and distribution of the forms statewide to counties and all designated voter registration agencies will cost of \$75,000 in FY 2012.
- Requires new absentee ballot forms, new design, and distribution to the counties at the cost of \$35,000 for FY 2012.

Fiscal Impact

The additional estimated cost to the State General Fund is \$97,000 for FY 2011 and \$110,000 for FY 2012. Additional costs to counties cannot be determined at this time.

Sources

Secretary of State, Iowa Association of Counties

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The fiscal note for this Bill was prepared pursuant to **Joint Rule 17**. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Fiscal Services Division of the Legislative Services Agency upon request.
