

# A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER III OF THE 1907 REVISION OF THE CODE OF IOWA, TO REPEAL SECTIONS ELEVEN HUNDRED NINE (1109) AND ELEVEN HUNDRED NINETEEN (1119) THEREOF AND TO ENACT SUBSTITUTES FOR SAID SECTIONS RELATING TO THE PRINTING AND MARKING OF BALLOTS:

*Be it Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

SECTION 1. That sections eleven hundred nine (1109) and eleven hundred nineteen (1119) of the 1907 revision of the code of Iowa, be repealed and the following substituted in lieu thereof:

SEC. 2. The ballot shall be on plain white paper, through which the printing or writing cannot be read. The party name or title shall be printed in capital letters, not less than one-fourth of an inch in height; and a circle one-half inch in diameter shall be printed at the beginning of the line in which such name, or title, is printed. The names of candidates shall be printed in capital letters not less than one-eighth nor more than one-fourth of an inch in height, and at the beginning of each line in which the name of a candidate is printed, a square shall be printed, the sides of which shall not be less than one-fourth of an inch in length. On the back, or outside of the ballot, so as to appear when folded, shall be printed the words "official ballot," followed by the designation of the polling place for which the ballot is prepared, the date of the election, and a fac simile of the signature of the auditor, or other officers who have caused the ballot to be printed.

SEC. 3. Upon retiring to the voting booth, the voter shall prepare his ballot by placing a cross in the square opposite the name of each candidate for whom he desires to vote, or, if he desires to vote for all the candidates upon any ticket, he may do so by placing a cross in the circle at the head of the ticket, further, that the voter may place a cross in the circle at the head of the ticket and may also place a cross in the square opposite the name or names of one or more candidates printed under the title of some other party or parties and a ballot so marked shall be counted as cast for all candidates named under the party name or title, which has been so marked, except as to the offices to which he has placed such cross preceding the name or names of some other candidate or candidates printed under the title or name of some

10 other party, and as to such it shall be counted as cast for the candidate or candidates opposite  
11 whose name or names such marks may be placed.

12 The voter may also insert in writing in the proper place, the name of any person for whom  
13 he desires to vote, making a cross opposite thereto. The writing of such name without making  
14 a circle opposite thereto, or making a cross opposite such blank without writing a name therein  
15 shall not affect the validity of the vote.