

A BILL

FOR AN ACT PROVIDING A METHOD OF NOMINATING CANDIDATES FOR CERTAIN OFFICES IN CITIES OF THE FIRST AND SECOND CLASS, AND THOSE ACTING UNDER SPECIAL CHARTERS, AND REPEALING SECTION TEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN-A-THIRTY-FOUR (1937 a-34) OF THE SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF 1907.

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

SECTION 1. All candidates for offices to be filled by the voters of the entire city, in any municipal election, in cities of the first and second class, and those acting under special charter, shall be nominated at a primary election as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 2. The primary election for such nominations shall be held on the second Monday preceding the general municipal election. The judges of election acting at said primary election shall be the same as those acting at the general municipal election for that year, and the said primary election shall be held, so far as possible, at the same place, and the polls shall be opened and closed at the same hours with the same clerks as are required for same general municipal election. Any person desiring to become a candidate for any of the offices to be filled by the voters of the entire city, shall at least ten days prior to said primary election, file with the city clerk a statement of such candidacy substantially in the following form:

10 State of Iowa }
11 } ss.:
12County }

13 I,, being duly sworn, say that I reside at
14 Street, city of County of, State of Iowa. That
15 I am a qualified voter of Iowa; that I am qualified to fill the office of, to be
16 voted upon at the primary election to be held on theMonday of
17 19..... And I hereby request that my name be printed upon the official primary ballot
18 for nomination at said primary election for said office.

19 (Signed).....

20 Subscribed and sworn to before me by, on this
21 day of, 19...

22 (Signed)

23 and shall at the same time file therewith a petition of at least twenty-five voters requesting
24 such candidacy. Each petition shall be verified by one or more persons as to the qualification
25 and residence of each of the persons signing the said petition, and said petition shall be
26 substantially in the following form:

27 Petition Accompanying Nominating Statements.

28 The undersigned, duly qualified elector in the city of, and residing at the
29 places set opposite their respective names hereto, do hereby request that the name of
30 be placed upon the ballot as a candidate for nomination for the office of
31 at the primary election to be held in said city on the
32 Monday of 19... We further state that we know him to be a qualified
33 elector of said city and a man of good moral character, and qualified in our judgment for
34 the duties of such office.

Name of Qualified Elector	Number	Street

36 Immediately upon the expiration of the time for filing statement and papers for candidacies,
37 the said city clerk shall cause to be published for three successive days, in all the daily pa-
38 pers published in the city in proper form, the names of the persons as they appear upon the
39 primary ballot, and if there be no daily newspapers, then in two issues of any newspapers that
40 may be published in said city; and the city clerk shall at once cause the primary ballot to be
41 printed, authenticated with a fac-simile of his signature. Upon said ballot, the names of can-
42 didates for the respective offices shall be arranged in vertical columns, and the name of each
43 column shall appear in alphabetical order according to the surname, and a square shall be
44 placed at the left of each name. In all cases where but one officer is to be chosen at the
45 municipal election, there shall be printed above the column in which appear the names of the
46 candidates for said office, the words "Vote for one" and in all cases where two officers are to
47 be chosen for similar offices there shall be similarly printed the words "Vote for two." There
48 shall be no party names or designation of any kind appearing on said ballot.

49 Having caused said ballots to be printed, the said city clerk shall cause to be delivered at
50 each voting place a number of ballots equal to twice the number of votes cast in each voting
51 precinct at the last election for mayor. The persons who are qualified to vote at the general
52 municipal election shall be qualified to vote at such primary election, and the basis for chal-
53 lenge of any voter shall be the same as is provided by law with regard to general elections.
54 Judges of election shall, immediately upon closing the polls, count the ballots, and ascertain

55 the number of votes cast in each precinct for each of the candidates, and make returns thereof
56 to the city clerk upon proper blanks to be furnished by said clerk, within six hours after the
57 closing of the polls. On the day following said primary election, the said city clerk and city
58 council shall canvass said returns so received from all the polling precincts, and shall make
59 and publish in all the papers in said city, at least once, the results thereof. The two candi-
60 dates receiving the highest number of votes for each office, to which but one candidate is to be
61 elected, shall be the candidates and the only candidates whose names shall be placed upon
62 the ballot for said office at the next succeeding municipal election, and the four candidates re-
63 ceiving the highest number of votes for any office to which two candidates are to be elected,
64 shall be the candidates and the only candidates whose names shall be placed upon the ballot
65 at the said next municipal election. The ballots at said general municipal election shall be in
66 the same general form as for such primary election, so far as applicable, and in all elections in
67 said city, election precincts, voting places, method of conducting election, canvassing the votes,
68 and announcing the results shall be the same as by law now provided for election of officers in
69 such city.

SEC. 3. Section ten hundred eighty-seven-a-thirty-four (1087-a34) of the Supplement to the

2 Code of 1907 is hereby repealed.