

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

To repeal the law as it appears in chapters two, three and four, title six, of the code, and chapter two two-a, excepting sections ten hundred eighty-seven-a one, ten hundred eighty-seven-a two, ten hundred eighty-seven-a three, ten hundred eighty-seven-a four, ten hundred eighty-seven-a ten, ten hundred eighty-seven-a eleven, ten hundred eighty-seven-a twenty-four-a, ten hundred eighty-seven-a thirty-six, ten hundred eighty-seven-a thirty-seven, ten hundred eighty-seven-a thirty-eight, ten hundred eighty-seven-a thirty-nine, ten hundred eighty-seven-a forty-two, ten hundred eighty-seven-a forty-six, two-b, two-c, three, three-a and four, title six, supplement to the code, 1913, and chapters two, two-a, three and three-b, title six, supplemental supplement to the code, 1915, and enacting a substitute therefor, relating to the method and conduct of elections.

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

1 Section 1. That the law as it appears in chapters two, three  
2 and four, title six, of the code, and chapters two, two-a except-  
3 ing sections ten hundred eighty-seven-a one, ten hundred eighty-  
4 seven-a two, ten hundred eighty-seven-a three, ten hundred eighty-  
5 seven-a four, ten hundred eighty-seven-a ten, ten hundred eighty-  
6 seven-a eleven, ten hundred eighty-seven-a twenty-four-a, ten  
7 hundred eighty-seven-a thirty-six, ten hundred eighty-seven-a  
8 thirty-seven, ten hundred eighty-seven-a thirty-eight, ten hundred  
9 eighty-seven-a thirty-nine, ten hundred eighty-seven-a forty-two,  
10 ten hundred eighty-seven-a forty-six, two-b two-c, three, three-a  
11 and four, title six, supplement to the code, 1913, and chapters  
12 two, two-a, three and three-b, title six, supplemental supplement

13 to the code, 1915, relating to the method and conduct of elections,  
14 be and the same is hereby repealed, and the following enacted in  
15 lieu thereof:

1 Sec. 2. The governor of the state shall appoint a state  
2 election commissioner, and a district election commissioner for  
3 each county, who shall give their entire time to this service.

1 Sec. 3. The term of office of the state election com-  
2 missioner and the district election commissioners shall be four  
3 years, or until their successors are elected and qualified.

1 Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of each district election  
2 commissioner to procure an accurate registration of the voters in  
3 his county, and it shall be the duty of each voter to file with the  
4 district election commissioner a card, furnished by said commission-  
5 er, with his personally written signature, his residence address and  
6 his party affiliation, if he desires to state it, thereon. The voter  
7 shall notify the district election commissioner of any change of ad-  
8 dress, registering out at the old and in at the new district. The  
9 district election commissioner must keep his registry file complete  
10 and up to date at all times.

1 Sec. 5. The provisions of this law shall apply to all  
2 elections known to the laws of the state, primary, general, special,  
3 city and school.

1 Sec. 6. It shall be the duty of the district election  
2 commissioner to provide, prepare, and two weeks before election day  
3 to mail to each voter at his registry address, a ballot bearing the  
4 names of the candidates to be voted upon, an identification card, and

5 a self-addressed envelope. It shall be the duty of the voter to  
6 mark this ballot in the proper way, signifying his choice of the  
7 candidates, sign the identification card and return to the district  
8 election commissioner in the envelope provided, sealed, either by  
9 mail or by hand, before election day, the polls being closed at  
10 midnight of the beginning of election day.

1 Sec. 7. The blanks and forms used in the conduct of  
2 the registration and election shall be of the style and form de-  
3 signed by the state election commissioner, and must be uniform  
4 throughout.

1 Sec. 8. The counting of ballots shall begin at eight  
2 o'clock on the morning of election day, and shall continue during  
3 ordinary working hours only, until completed. The district election  
4 commissioner and his assistants shall open the envelopes containing  
5 the ballots, compare each identification signature with the corres-  
6 ponding registration signature, and if found presumably correct,  
7 separate the identification card and the ballot. Those ballots  
8 having prima facie evidence of irregularities shall be examined by  
9 the district election commissioner and the proper disposition made.  
10 the count of the ballots will then proceed in the usual way and by  
11 the most approved methods until completed.

1 Sec. 9. If any voter shall fail to perform any duty re-  
2 quired of him under this law he shall forfeit the sum of not less  
3 than five nor more than fifty dollars for each offense. This pen-  
4 alty shall be imposed by the district election commissioner, who  
5 shall have judicial powers for this purpose only, subject to review

6 by any court of competent jurisdiction.

1 Sec. 10. The salary of the state election commissioner  
2 shall be thirty-six hundred dollars per annum. The salary of each  
3 district election commissioner shall be the same as that of the  
4 county auditor in his county.

1 Sec. 11. All acts and parts of acts in conflict herewith  
2 are hereby repealed.

1 Sec. 12. The first election to be held under this  
2 law shall be the primaries preceding and the general election  
3 of November, nineteen hundred eighteen.