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House File 524
By RASMUSSEN.

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A BILL FOR

An Act relating to composition of election boards.

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

1 Section 1. Section forty-nine point twelve (49.12), Code 1962,
2 is hereby amended by striking lines five (5), six (6), and seven
3 (7), and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
4 "or organization, provided that two (2) such judges and one
5 (1) clerk shall be chosen from the political party or organization
6 casting the highest number of votes for governor in the precinct,
7 in which the judges and clerk shall serve, at the last preceding
8 general election. In all election pre-".

1 Sec. 2. Section forty-nine point thirteen (49.13), Code 1962,
2 is hereby amended by striking all of such section after the word
3 "of" in line two (2) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
4 "election if the political party or organization affiliation
5 of the councilmen is such as to not conflict with the requirements
6 prescribed in section forty-nine point twelve (49.12) of the Code.
7 When more than two (2) councilmen are residents of the same elec-
8 tion precinct and belong to the political party or organization
9 casting the highest number of votes for governor in the precinct,
10 the county board of supervisors shall designate which of them shall
11 serve as judges. Where two (2) or more councilmen are residents
12 of the same election precinct and belong to a political party or
13 organization other than that which cast the highest number of

14 votes for governor in the precinct in the last preceding general
15 election, the county board of supervisors shall designate which
16 of them shall serve as judge.”

1 Sec. 3. Section forty-nine point fourteen (49.14), Code 1962,
2 is hereby repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof.

3 “In township precincts, the clerk of the township shall serve
4 as one (1) of the election clerks of the precinct in which he re-
5 sides and the trustees of the township shall be judges of election
6 in their respective precincts if the political party or organiza-
7 tion affiliation of the trustees is such as to not conflict with
8 the requirements prescribed in section forty-nine point twelve
9 (49.12) of the Code. Where the trustees reside in the same elec-
10 tion precinct and belong to the same political party or organ-
11 ization making it impossible to comply with the prescribed re-
12 quirements, the county board of supervisors shall appoint town-
13 ship trustees to election boards in the same manner as city and
14 town councilmen are appointed to serve in election precincts in
15 section forty-nine point thirteen (49.13) of the Code.”

1 Sec. 4. Section forty-nine point fifteen (49.15), Code 1962,
2 is hereby amended as follows:

3 1. By inserting in line five (5) after the word “votes” the
4 words “for governor”.

5 2. By inserting in line eighteen (18) after the word “maner.”
6 the following:

7 “Not more than two (2) judges nor more than one (1) clerk shall
8 belong to the same political party or organization provided that
9 two (2) of such judges and one (1) clerk shall be chosen from the
10 political party or organization casting the highest number of votes

11 for governor in said precinct at the last preceding general elec-
12 tion.”

1 Sec. 5. Section forty-nine point seventeen (49.17), Code 1962,
2 is hereby amended by striking line four (4) and inserting in lieu
3 thereof the following:

4 “party or organization provided that two (2) of such judges shall
5 be chosen from the political party or organization casting the
6 highest number of votes for governor in said precinct at the last
7 preceding general election. Two (2) of such judges who shall not
8 be members of the same political party or organization shall also
9 serve as clerks.”

1 Sec. 6. Section fifty-one point four (51.4), Code 1962, is
2 hereby amended as follows:

3 1. By inserting in line three (3) after the word “votes” the
4 words “for governor in the precinct”.

5 2. By inserting in line six (6) after the word “judges” the
6 words “and one (1) clerk”.

7 3. By inserting in line eight (8) after the word “votes” the
8 words “for governor in the precinct”.

9 4. By inserting in line nine (9) after the word “election.”
10 the following:

11 “The provisions for selecting board members shall be the same
12 as the provisions for selecting members of election boards as pre-
13 scribed in section forty-nine point fifteen (49.15) of the Code.”

EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 524

The purpose of this bill is to clarify the present statutes relating to the double election boards in election precincts, the election and counting boards. Currently such boards are required to be composed of three judges and two clerks with not more than two judges and one clerk being of the same political affiliation. This bill will require that two judges and one clerk shall be of the political party casting the highest number of votes for governor in the precinct at the last preceding general election.