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SENATE FILE 312

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GLENN, GAUDINEER, COLEMAN
and DENMAN

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Vote: Ayes Nays Vote: Ayes Nays

Approved

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the method of applying for absent voters'
2 ballots.

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

4 Section 1. Section fifty-three point two (53.2), Code
5 1966, is hereby amended by striking line ten (10) and insert-
6 ing in lieu thereof the words "by mail."

7 Sec. 2. Section fifty-three point nine (53.9), Code 1966,
8 is hereby amended by striking lines one (1) and two (2) and
9 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

10 "Upon receipt by an auditor or clerk of a card or letter
11 from any person claiming to be a qualified voter requesting
12 an absent voter's ballot, and immediately after the ballots".

13 Sec. 3. Section fifty-three point ten (53.10), Code 1966,
14 is hereby repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof:

15 "When mailing a ballot to an applicant, the auditor or
16 clerk shall enclose a printed copy of the text of sections
17 fifty-three point thirty-four (53.34) and fifty-three point
18 thirty-five (53.35) of the Code. If the auditor or clerk
19 delivers such ballot in person as hereinafter provided, he
20 shall either give the voter a copy of such printed text or

1 verbally advise the voter of the penalties provided under
2 sections fifty-three point thirty-four (53.34) and fifty-
3 three point thirty-five (53.35) of the Code."

4 Sec. 4. Section fifty-three point eleven (53.11), Code
5 1966, is hereby amended as follows:

- 6 1. By striking line five (5) of such section.
- 7 2. By inserting in line nine (9) after the word "proper"
- 8 the words "application and".

9 Sec. 5. Section fifty-three point thirteen (53.13), Code
10 1966, is hereby amended as follows:

- 11 1. By inserting in line three (3) after the word "of"
- 12 the words "application and".
- 13 2. By striking lines ten (10) through thirty-four (34),
- 14 inclusive, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
- 15 "I have been a resident of the state of Iowa for six
- 16 months, of the county of for sixty days, and
- 17 of the precinct of the ward
- 18 of the city, town, or township of ten days
- 19 next preceding this election, and that I am a duly qualified
- 20 voter entitled to vote at said election; that my occupation
- 21 is, and that on account of
- 22 I cannot
- 23 (Business, illness, or physical disability)
- 24 be at the polls to vote in the election on
- 25 the day of and have there-
- 26 fore made application for an official ballot or ballots to be
- 27 voted by me at such election. I have marked the enclosed
- 28 ballot or ballots in secret, and will return the ballot or
- 29 ballots to the officer issuing same, before the day of said
- 30 election. I am affiliated with the
- 31 (Fill out only in case of
- 32 party".
- 33 primary election)

34 Sec. 6. Section fifty-three point fourteen (53.14), Code
35 1966, is hereby amended by inserting in line one (1) after

1 the word "said" the words "application and".

2 Sec. 7. Section fifty-three point sixteen (53.16), Code
3 1966, is hereby amended by inserting in line three (3) after
4 the word "the" the words "application and".

5 Sec. 8. Section fifty-three point eighteen (53.18), Code
6 1966, is hereby amended by striking from lines three (3) and
7 four (4) the words "together with the application made by
8 the voter,".

9 Sec. 9. Section fifty-three point nineteen (53.19), Code
10 1966, is hereby amended by striking from lines five (5) and
11 six (6) the words ", envelope, and application" and inserting
12 in lieu thereof the words "enclosed in the envelope bearing
13 the voter's application and affidavit".

14 Sec. 10. Section fifty-three point twenty-three (53.23),
15 Code 1966, is hereby amended as follows:

16 1. By striking lines six (6) through ten (10), inclusive,
17 and inserting in lieu thereof the words "name, and examine
18 the application and affidavit on the ballot envelope. If
19 the judges find the applicant a duly qualified elec-".

20 2. By inserting at the end of line fourteen (14) the
21 words "application and".

22 Sec. 11. Section fifty-three point twenty-five (53.25),
23 Code 1966, is hereby amended by striking lines one (1)
24 through three (3), inclusive, and inserting in lieu thereof
25 the following:

26 "If the judges find the application and affidavit insuf-
27 ficient, or that the applicant".

28 Sec. 12. Section fifty-three point twenty-seven (53.27),
29 Code 1966, is hereby amended by inserting in line two (2)
30 after the word "the" the words "application and".

31 Sec. 13. Section fifty-three point twenty-eight (53.28),
32 Code 1966, is hereby amended by inserting in line one (1)
33 after the word "The" the words "application and".

34 Sec. 14. Section fifty-three point thirty (53.30), Code
35 1966, is hereby amended as follows:

- 1 1. By inserting in line two (2) after the word "voter's"
2 the words "application and".
3 2. By inserting in line ten (10) after the word "such"
4 the words "applications and".
5 Sec. 15. Section fifty-three point thirty-four (53.34),
6 Code 1966, is hereby amended by inserting in line two (2)
7 after the word "such" the words "applications and".
8 Sec. 16. Sections fifty-three point four (53.4), fifty-
9 three point five (53.5), fifty-three point seven (53.7), and
10 fifty-three point eight (53.8), Code 1966, are hereby re-
11 pealed.

EXPLANATION OF SENATE FILE 312

This bill will combine the application and affidavit of the voter requesting an absentee ballot into one form appearing on the reverse side of the envelope used to return the absentee ballot.

FISCAL NOTE 14

No costs involved.

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Legislative Fiscal Director