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SENATE FILE 215

By WELLS

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the official nickname of the state of Iowa.

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1 WHEREAS, the word "Hawkeyes" has been used as a familiar
2 designation of the people of Iowa for one hundred thirty-five
3 years; and

4 WHEREAS, the word "Hawkeyes" reportedly was first printed
5 as a reference to Iowans in the Fort Madison Patriot by James
6 G. Edwards at the suggestion of Judge David Rorer to prevent
7 the people of other states from giving Iowans a less flattering
8 nickname; and

9 WHEREAS, major reference books define the word "Hawkeye"
10 as a native of Iowa; and

11 WHEREAS, unofficially, the people of Iowa have long referred
12 to their state as the "Hawkeye State"; NOW THEREFORE,

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

14 Section 1. NEW SECTION. OFFICIAL STATE TITLE. The
15 official nickname of the state of Iowa is the "Hawkeye State".

16 EXPLANATION

17 This bill officially designates the state of Iowa as the
18 "Hawkeye State". The bill will be effective on July 1
19 following its enactment.

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