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### A BILL FOR

1An Act to provide that an eligible elector residing in a  
2 precinct may register to vote at the polling place on  
3 election day.

4BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Chapter 48, Code 1983, is amended by adding  
2 the following new section:

3 NEW SECTION. ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION.

4 1. An eligible elector may register on election day by  
5 appearing at the polling place for the precinct in which the  
6 elector maintains a residence, completing a registration form,  
7 and providing proof of residence. An eligible elector may  
8 provide proof of residence by one of the following methods:

9 a. Showing an Iowa motor vehicle operator's or chauffeur's  
10 license or permit or a nonoperator's identification card  
11 issued under section 321.190.

12 b. Showing a document of a nature approved by the state  
13 commissioner.

14 c. Having a qualified elector of that precinct sign an  
15 oath in the presence of the precinct election official stating  
16 that the qualified elector personally knows that the eligible  
17 elector is a resident of the precinct. An eligible elector  
18 proving residency under this paragraph shall not prove  
19 residency for any other person on that day.

20 The commissioner may require that a precinct election  
21 official responsible for an election day registration initial  
22 each completed registration form.

23 2. Registration at the polling place on election day shall  
24 be conducted by the precinct election officials. The election  
25 official who registers a person at the polling place on  
26 election day shall not handle that voter's ballots at any  
27 time prior to the opening of the ballot box after voting ends.  
28 Registration cards and forms for oaths shall be available  
29 at each polling place. If a person proves residency by the  
30 oath of a qualified elector, the form containing the oath  
31 shall be attached to the person's registration card until  
32 the person's address is verified by the commissioner of  
33 registration in the manner provided for registration by mail.  
34 Registration cards completed on election day shall be forwarded  
35 to the commissioner of registration who shall add the name

1 of each voter to the registration lists.

2 3. The precinct election officials shall attempt to keep  
3 a record of the number of persons who try to register on  
4 election day but cannot provide proof of residency as required  
5 by this section and forward the record to the commissioner  
6 with the election returns.

7 4. The commissioner shall provide each precinct with  
8 material to assist the precinct election officials in  
9 determining whether an address is located in that precinct.

10 5. A registration made under this section shall not be  
11 challenged under section 48.15 on election day but may be  
12 challenged subsequently under that section. A challenge on  
13 election day to a registration made under this section may  
14 be made under the procedures provided by sections 49.79 through  
15 49.81.

16 EXPLANATION

17 This bill allows an eligible elector to register on election  
18 day at the polling place. The person is required to show  
19 proof of residency, by a driver's license or nonoperator's  
20 identification card, by a document of a nature approved by  
21 the secretary of state, or by the oath of a person who is  
22 registered in that precinct. If residency is proved by oath,  
23 the oath is affixed to the person's registration card until  
24 the address is verified. A registration made on election  
25 day may be challenged on election day only under the procedures  
26 provided for the challenging of votes at the polls.

27 The bill takes effect July 1 following its enactment.

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