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SENATE FILE 518

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BY COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to registration, elections and the Iowa
2 election campaign fund.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 47.7, Code 1983, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 4. Not later than July 1, 1984,
4 information listed in section 48.6 contained in a county's
5 manual records but not on the county's computer readable
6 records shall be provided to the registrar in a form specified
7 by the registrar. The registrar shall require that any
8 information supplied under section 48.6, except subsections
9 9 and 11, be provided to the registrar in a form specified
10 by the registrar.

11 Sec. 2. Chapter 48, Code 1983, is amended by adding the
12 following new section:

13 NEW SECTION. The state board of regents shall not prohibit
14 a registrar, deputy registrar, mobile deputy registrar, or
15 person delivering voter registration forms provided in section
16 48.3 to register eligible electors or a candidate from access
17 to the dwelling units at its student housing, but may restrict
18 the times of access and gender of persons having access in
19 the same manner as other persons having access to the dwelling
20 units.

21 Sec. 3. Section 48.3, Code 1983, is amended to read as
22 follows:

23 48.3 REGISTRATION BY-MAIL FORM. As an alternative to
24 the method of registration prescribed by section 48.2, any
25 a person entitled to register under that section may ~~submit~~
26 cause delivery of a completed voter registration form to the
27 commissioner of registration in the person's county of
28 residence ~~by-postage-paid-United-States-mail.~~ A registration
29 form or the envelope containing one or more registration forms
30 for the use of individual registrants ~~who-are-related-to-each~~
31 ~~other-within-the-first-degree-of-consanguinity-or-affinity~~
32 ~~and-who-reside-at-the-same-address-shall~~ must be postmarked
33 or otherwise delivered by the twenty-fifth day prior to an
34 election or the registration will not take effect for that
35 election. A separate registration form shall be signed by

1 each individual registrant. Within five working days after
2 receiving a registration ~~by-mail~~, the commissioner shall send
3 the registrant a receipt of the registration by first class
4 mail marked "do not forward". If the receipt is returned
5 by the postal service the commissioner shall treat the
6 registration as prescribed by section 48.31, subsection 7.
7 An improperly addressed or delivered registration form shall
8 be forwarded to the appropriate county commissioner of
9 registration within two working days after it is received
10 by any other official.

11 Sec. 4. Section 48.6, subsection 12, Code 1983, is amended
12 to read as follows:

13 12. Residential telephone number ~~at-the-option-of-the~~
14 applicant if available.

15 Sec. 5. Section 48.7, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
16 1983, is amended to read as follows:

17 a. The qualified elector may submit to the commissioner
18 ~~a-written-notice-of-the-change-of-name,-telephone-number,~~
19 ~~or-address,-bearing~~ a form of the type provided for electors
20 registering under section 48.3 providing for the elector's
21 current name, telephone number, social security number and
22 address and the elector's signature. Upon receipt of the
23 notice form, the commissioner shall change the registration
24 records accordingly and the change shall be reflected in the
25 election registers prepared for the next election held ten
26 or more days after receipt of the qualified elector's notice.
27 If the notice form received by the commissioner does not
28 contain the information regarding name and address necessary
29 to properly update the registration records, the commissioner
30 shall immediately send notice to the elector, by forwardable
31 mail directed to the elector's last known address, that the
32 elector's registration is defective. The commissioner's
33 notice shall advise the elector of the corrections necessary.

34 Sec. 6. Section 49.77, subsection 2, Code 1983, is amended
35 to read as follows:

1 2. One of the precinct election officials shall announce
2 the elector's name aloud for the benefit of any persons present
3 pursuant to section 49.104, subsections 2, 3 or 5. Any of
4 those persons may upon request view the signed declarations
5 of eligibility and may review the signed declarations on file
6 so long as the person does not interfere with the functions
7 of the precinct election officials.

8 Sec. 7. Section 56.18, Code 1983, is amended to read as
9 follows:

10 56.18 CHECKOFF--INCOME TAX. Any A person whose state
11 income tax liability for any a taxable year is ~~one-dollar~~
12 two dollars or more may direct that ~~one-dollar~~ two dollars
13 of ~~such~~ the liability be paid over to the Iowa election
14 campaign fund when submitting ~~his-er-her~~ the person's state
15 income tax return to the department of revenue. In the case
16 of a joint return of husband and wife having a state income
17 tax liability of ~~two~~ four dollars or more, each spouse may
18 direct that ~~one-dollar~~ two dollars be paid to the fund. The
19 director of revenue shall revise the income tax form to provide
20 a space on the face of the tax return and immediately above
21 the signature lines which the taxpayer may use to designate
22 that contributions made under this section be credited to
23 a specified political party as defined by section 43.2, or
24 to the Iowa election campaign fund as a contribution to be
25 shared by all such political parties in the manner prescribed
26 by section 56.19. The form shall inform the taxpayer that
27 when an individual chooses the latter alternative ~~his-er-her~~
28 ~~one~~ the two dollar contribution is shared by all eligible
29 political parties, but this information may be contained in
30 a footnote or other suitable form if the director of revenue
31 finds it is not feasible to place the information immediately
32 above the signature line.

33 Sec. 8.

34 1. Until January 1, 1984, the county commissioner of
35 registration for each county shall accept lists of residential

1 telephone numbers of qualified electors provided by the state
2 central committees of political parties as defined in section
3 43.2. The county commissioner of registration shall enter
4 those residential telephone numbers into its system of
5 registration records for those qualified electors who do not
6 have a residential telephone number listed in the registration
7 records. If the political parties submit differing residential
8 telephone numbers for a qualified elector having none listed,
9 the commissioner may decline to enter any telephone number.
10 The residential telephone numbers entered into the registration
11 records shall be in a computer readable form specified by
12 the registrar and provided to the registrar.

13 2. A county may file a claim by July 1, 1984 with the
14 state registrar for its costs of entering and submitting
15 telephone numbers under subsection 1, not exceeding fifteen
16 cents per telephone number, for the residential telephone
17 numbers submitted to the registrar. The voter registration
18 commission shall adjust the charges made under section 47.8
19 by increasing them sufficiently to pay the filed claims by
20 July 1, 1989. The claims shall be paid in the order received
21 from the funds received from the increased charges as those
22 funds become available.

23 3. The declaration of eligibility forms provided under
24 section 49.77 and used in the primary and general elections
25 in the years 1984 and 1986 shall contain a line, below the
26 line for the elector's address, for the elector's residential
27 telephone number. After the election the commissioner of
28 registration shall review the declarations of eligibility
29 and the registration records and correct or amend the records
30 so that they contain the residential telephone number provided
31 by the elector on the declaration of eligibility. The telephone
32 numbers, if added or changed, shall be provided to the state
33 registrar in the same manner as if submitted under section
34 48.6.

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EXPLANATION

1 Section 1 requires counties to include registration informa-
2 tion in computer readable form specified by the registrar
3 and provide it to the state registrar by July 1, 1984 and
4 also requires all registration information, except the
5 signature and declaration of eligibility, to be provided to
6 the registrar.

7 Section 2 provides that the state board of regents shall
8 not prohibit access to the dwelling units of its student
9 housing by persons registering voters or candidates.

10 Section 3 provides that postcard registration forms be
11 mailed in bulk or hand delivered.

12 Section 4 provides that the residential telephone number
13 must be given if available.

14 Section 5 provides that a person must use a postcard regis-
15 tration form for a change of name, address or telephone number.

16 Section 6 allows a poll observer to review the declarations
17 of eligibility on file.

18 Section 7 doubles that amount that a taxpayer can have
19 paid to the Iowa election campaign fund.

20 Section 8 provides temporary measures for the collection
21 of residential telephone numbers.

22 The bill takes effect July 1 following enactment.

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SENATE FILE 518

S-3297

- 1 Amend Senate File 518 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, by striking lines 11 through 20.
- 3 2. Page 1, by striking line 21 through page 2,
- 4 line 10.
- 5 3. Page 3, by striking lines 8 through 32.

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BY RICHARD F. DRAKE
JOHN N. NYSTROM

SENATE FILE 518

S-3314

- 1 Amend Senate File 518 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, by inserting before line 1 the
- 3 following:
- 4 "Section 1. Section 39.2, subsection 1, Code 1983,
- 5 is amended to read as follows:
- 6 1. All special elections which are authorized
- 7 or required by law, ~~unless the applicable law otherwise~~
- 8 ~~requires~~, shall be held on Tuesday. No special
- 9 election may be held on the first or second Tuesday
- 10 preceding and following the primary and the general
- 11 elections. Unless the applicable law requires a
- 12 different time, special elections shall be held on
- 13 the second Tuesday of January, April, July or October,
- 14 except as provided in subsection 2."
- 15 2. Page 3, by inserting after line 7 the following:
- 16 "Sec. ____ Section 53.8, subsection 2, Code 1983,
- 17 is amended to read as follows:
- 18 2. If an application is received so late that
- 19 it is unlikely that the absentee ballot can be returned
- 20 in time to be counted on election day, the commissioner
- 21 shall enclose with the absentee ballot a statement
- 22 to that effect. The statement shall also point out
- 23 that it is possible for the applicant or the
- 24 applicant's designee to personally deliver his the
- 25 completed absentee ballot to the office of the
- 26 commissioner at any time before the closing of the
- 27 polls on election day."
- 28 3. By renumbering and correcting internal
- 29 references to conform with this amendment.

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BY RICHARD F. DRAKE
TOM SLATER

SENATE FILE 518
FISCAL NOTE

REQUESTED BY SENATOR SLATER

In compliance with a written request there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for Senate File 518 pursuant to Joint Rule 17.

Senate File 518 makes several changes in voter registration procedures and doubt the amount that a taxpayer can have paid to the Iowa election campaign fund. Counties are required to provide registration information in computer readable form to the state registrar by July 1, 1984. The state board of regents is required to allow candidates and persons registering voters access to student housing. Residential telephone numbers must be given by voters if available when registering. Postcard registration forms must be used for a change of name, address or telephone number.

This bill is estimated to have the following fiscal effect:

General fund expenditures:	FY 84	FY 85
Salaries	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500
Production costs of 600 lists and 9 tapes (1,600,000 records)	\$41,250	\$41,250
Reimbursement of counties (704,715 records without phone numbers; 75% may have numbers on registrations; 15¢ each)	\$79,280	- 0 -
Loss of revenue (amount paid by central committees for lists)	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500
Iowa Campaign Fund Checkoff (assumes all who used \$1 checkoff in 1982 do so with \$2 checkoff)	\$240,508	\$240,508
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Total General Fund Expenditures	\$ 370,038	\$290,758

There will also be programming costs in each of the thirty-eight counties maintaining registration records on county-owned computer systems. This cost will vary; the total statewide cost is estimated to be \$190,000.

(1334S, 83-362, JMN)

Source: Department of Revenue, Comptroller's Data Processing

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MARCH 28, 1983 DENNIS C. PROUTY, DIRECTOR