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BY COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

(formerly 55B 2138)

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Vote: Ayes 28 Nays 18 Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____
Approved _____

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to the registration of voters in state offices.
- 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

SENATE FILE 2233

S-5294

- 1 Amend Senate File 2233 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, by striking lines 23 through 27.

S-5294

Filed March 9, 1988

BY ROBERT M. CARR

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2 to read as follows:

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11 the previous twelve-month period. If the person does execute
12 the form, the form shall be sent to the appropriate
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32 monthly to the state commissioner the number of registrations
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SENATE FILE 2233

BY COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

(AS AMENDED AND PASSED BY THE SENATE MARCH 10, 1988)

* - Language Stricken by the Senate

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Vote: Ayes 26 Nays 18 Vote: Ayes 57 Nays 38
Approved May 6, 1988

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SENATE FILE 2233

H-5935

- 1 Amend Senate File 2233, as amended, passed, and
- 2 reprinted by the Senate, as follows:
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- 4 inserting the following: "available in the all
- 5 offices maintained by the state agencies listed in
- 6 this section. The officers and employees of those".
- 7 2. Page 1, by striking lines 13 through 22 and
- 8 inserting the following: "commissioner of
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- 16 ~~employees of any other state agency from offering~~
- 17 ~~voter registration forms to persons in those offices."~~
- 18 3. Page 1, line 25, by striking the word "office"
- 19 and inserting the following: "department".
- 20 4. Page 1, line 27, by striking the word
- 21 "monthly" and inserting the following: "quarterly".

By COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT
BLANSHAN of Greene, Chairperson

H-5935 FILED MARCH 28, 1988

Adopted 3/30 (p. 1217)

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HOUSE AMENDMENT TO
SENATE FILE 2233

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Filed April 4, 1988

Senate committee 4/16 (p. 1280)

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BY (PROPOSED SECRETARY OF
STATE BILL)

Passed Senate, Date _____ Passed House, Date _____

Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____ Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____

Approved _____

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6 BACKGROUND STATEMENT

7 SUBMITTED BY THE AGENCY

8 Voter registration in state agencies was passed by the
9 general assembly last session. Due to an oversight, the state
10 board of regents and county extension service offices were
11 left out of the original legislation. This bill rectifies
12 that error.

13 In addition, this bill will insure that state agencies are
14 actively involved in voter registration. Since the original
15 legislation became effective on July 1, 1987, it has been
16 clear that many agencies are not asking persons doing business
17 with their offices if they are registered nor are many of the
18 agencies even providing registration forms. One of the
19 problems seems to be that no agency or department has been
20 assigned the responsibility to see that the legislation is
21 carried out. This bill assigns that responsibility to the
22 state commissioner of elections. The bill also specifically
23 defines the agencies' roll by requiring that they verbally ask
24 each person doing business with them if they are registered to
25 vote. This bill then requires each agency to report monthly
26 to the state commissioner of elections on the number of
27 individuals who have actually been registered to vote by the
28 agency.

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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF VOTERS IN STATE OFFICES.

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

JO ANN ZIMMERMAN
President of the Senate

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DONALD D. AVENSON
Speaker of the House

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I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 2233, Seventy-second General Assembly.

JOHN F. DWYER
Secretary of the Senate

Approved *April 27* 1988

TERRY E. BRANSTAD
Governor

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The state commissioner of elections is responsible for coordinating and encouraging voter registration activities required by this section. Each department where voter registration is conducted under this section shall report quarterly to the state commissioner the number of registrations completed by the office. The state commissioner