

SENATE FILE 2370
BY COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to election administration, designating the
2 secretary of state as the state registrar of voters, and
3 providing properly related matters.

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

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2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. ~~The senior-administrator-of-data-processing-services-in~~
4 ~~the-department-of-general-services~~ secretary of state is
5 designated the state registrar of voters, and shall regulate
6 the preparation, preservation, and maintenance of voter
7 registration records, the preparation of precinct election
8 registers for all elections administered by the commissioner
9 of any county, and the preparation of other data on voter
10 registration and participation in elections which is requested
11 and purchased at actual cost of preparation and production by
12 a political party or any resident of this state. The
13 registrar shall maintain a log, which is a public record,
14 showing all lists and reports which have been requested or
15 generated or which are capable of being generated by existing
16 programs of the data processing services in the department of
17 general services. In the execution of the duties provided by
18 this chapter, the state registrar of voters and the state
19 commissioner of elections shall provide the maximum public
20 access to the electoral process permitted by law.

21 Sec. 2. Section 47.7, Code 1989, is amended by adding the
22 following new subsection:

23 NEW SUBSECTION. 5. The senior administrator of data
24 processing in the department of general services shall provide
25 all technical data processing services necessary for the
26 preparation, preservation, and maintenance of voter
27 registration records; the preparation of precinct election
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29 of any county; and the preparation of other data on voter
30 registration and participation in elections which is requested
31 and purchased at actual cost of preparation and production by
32 the state registrar of voters, a political party, or any
33 resident of this state.

34 EXPLANATION

35 Under this bill the secretary of state is designated as the

1 state registrar of voters. The senior administrator of data
2 processing services in the department of general services
3 would provide technical data processing services but would no
4 longer be the state registrar.

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SENATE FILE 2376
FISCAL NOTE

A fiscal note for Senate File 2376 is hereby submitted pursuant to Joint Rule 17. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.

Senate File 2376 changes the State Registrar of Voters from the Senior Administrator of Data Processing Services, Department of General Services to the Secretary of State. The bill includes a provision that technical data processing services necessary for preparation, preservation, maintenance and other data preparation services will be purchased at actual cost.

Assumptions:

1. The Voter Registration section of the Bureau of Information Services, Department of General Services (4 staff) will transfer to the Office of the Secretary of State.
2. The salary, support and associated budget for these FTE positions will be transferred with the staff.
3. The administrative and clerical costs incurred by the Registrar will still be paid by the State (Section 47.3, Code of Iowa). These costs are currently borne by the Department of General Services and will be borne by the Secretary of State with passage of this bill.
4. Any programming and related computer usage costs will be billed to the Secretary of State using the same rates at which other state agencies are billed. (This will be necessary to comply with the Federal requirement to maintain equity in billing which insures that the Federal government is not billed at a higher rate than other governmental entities.)
5. The programs used for voter registration activities are fully operational and will not require any significant new programming in the foreseeable future.
6. The Department of General Services rates recover only actual costs.

Fiscal Effect:

While the costs may shift between the Secretary of State and the Department of General Services, there should be no material affect on the General Fund.

Source: Department of General Services
Secretary of State

(LSB 7508sv, MDF)

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5 BACKGROUND STATEMENT

6 SUBMITTED BY THE AGENCY

7 This bill makes the secretary of state, rather than
8 the senior administrator of data processing in the department
9 of general services, the state registrar of voters. In
10 addition,
11 the bill directs the senior administrator of data processing
12 services to provide all technical data processing services
13 to the state registrar of voters.

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