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SENATE FILE 393
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to voter registration and voter registration
2 lists.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 48.7, Code 1991, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsections:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. The commissioner shall issue a voter
4 registration card for an eligible elector, without the
5 necessity of further action by the elector, if all of the
6 following occur:

7 a. An eligible elector establishes permanent residence in
8 another county, and the eligible elector was registered to
9 vote in the county of previous residence.

10 b. The eligible elector completes a change of address form
11 supplied by the United States postal service.

12 c. The United States postal service notifies the
13 commissioner of registration by forwarding a certified copy of
14 the change of address form to the commissioner.

15 d. The county commissioner of registration verifies that
16 the eligible elector is registered to vote at the elector's
17 previous residence. The commissioner shall verify the
18 elector's registration with the county's statewide
19 registration list or by contacting the commissioner of
20 registration in the county of previous residence. The
21 commissioner of registration in the county of previous
22 residence shall respond immediately to the request for
23 verification.

24 The change of address shall be reflected in the election
25 register prepared for the next election held ten or more days
26 after receipt of the notice from the United States postal
27 service.

28 NEW SUBSECTION. 4. The county commissioner of
29 registration shall use change of address forms received from
30 the United States postal service to update the voter
31 registration list for the commissioner's county. If a
32 qualified elector's address on the voter registration list is
33 inconsistent with information listed on a United States postal
34 service change of address form completed by the qualified
35 elector, the commissioner shall change the voter registration

1 list to conform to the information supplied by the United
2 States postal service. The commissioner shall send to the
3 qualified elector a registration receipt pursuant to section
4 48.12.

5 EXPLANATION

6 This bill allows a county commissioner of registration to
7 issue a voter registration card to a new resident of a county
8 if the eligible elector is registered to vote at the elector's
9 previous residence and if the commissioner receives from the
10 United States postal service a certified copy of a change of
11 address form completed by the eligible elector. The notice
12 from the United States postal service must be received by the
13 commissioner ten or more days before the next general election
14 in order to allow the elector to vote in that election in the
15 new county of residence. The commissioner must verify the
16 information on the change of address form either by using the
17 county's statewide registration list or by contacting the
18 commissioner of registration in the county of previous
19 residence.

20 The bill also requires the commissioner of registration to
21 utilize the change of address notices to update the voter
22 registration list. If information listed on the voter
23 registration list is inconsistent with information listed on a
24 change of address notice, the commissioner is required to
25 change the registration list to conform to the information
26 supplied by the United States postal service.

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