

garten through grade twelve and postsecondary levels and for use by the state, including but not limited to the use of electronic student transcripts to share with other kindergarten through grade twelve and postsecondary institutions. This study shall examine the systems in use in other states as well as current systems approved for use within the department of education's project easier and the emerging student information data systems under development. The study shall take under consideration a recommendation on limits on the numbers of software systems approved to connect to project easier. The study shall focus on systems that will improve efficiency, accuracy, and security of, and access to, the data by various users. The department shall submit a report to the general assembly by January 15, 2008, regarding its conclusions and recommendations.

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CHAPTER 33

JUDICIAL BRANCH PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES — ELECTRONIC PROCEDURES

H.F. 579

AN ACT relating to judicial branch practices and procedures, including expanding the definition of a seal, involving the duties of the clerk of the supreme court, and obtaining electronic signatures on citations.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 4.1, subsection 28, Code 2007, is amended to read as follows:

28. SEAL. Where the seal of a court, public office ~~or, public officer~~, or public or private corporation, may be required to be affixed to any paper, the word "seal" shall include an impression upon the paper alone, ~~as well as or~~ upon wax or a wafer affixed ~~thereto to the paper~~, or an official ink stamp if a notarial seal. If the seal of a court is required, the word "seal" may also include a visible electronic image of the seal on an electronic document.

Sec. 2. Section 602.4301, subsection 2, Code 2007, is amended to read as follows:

2. The clerk of the supreme court shall have an office at the seat of government, shall keep a complete record of the proceedings of the court, and shall not allow an opinion filed in the office to be removed. Opinions shall be open to examination and, upon request, may be copied and certified. The clerk promptly shall announce by ordinary or electronic mail to one of the attorneys on each side any ruling made or decision rendered, shall record every opinion rendered as soon as filed, shall send by ordinary or electronic mail a copy of each opinion rendered to each attorney of record and to each party not represented by counsel, and shall perform all other duties pertaining to the office of clerk.

Sec. 3. Section 805.6, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph 3,¹ Code 2007, is amended to read as follows:

Notwithstanding other contrary requirements of this section, a uniform citation and complaint may be originated from a computerized device. The officer issuing the citation through a computerized device shall electronically sign and date the citation or complaint and shall obtain electronically the signature of the person cited as provided in section 805.3 and shall give

¹ See chapter 215, §259 herein

two copies of the citation to the person cited and shall provide a record of the citation to the court where the person cited is to appear and to the law enforcement agency of the officer by an electronic process which accurately reproduces or forms a durable medium for accurately and legibly reproducing an unaltered image or copy of the citation.

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CHAPTER 34

PRECINCT ELECTION BOARD MEMBERSHIP — HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

H.F. 618

AN ACT allowing a county commissioner of elections to appoint certain high school students to serve as precinct election board members.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 49.13, Code 2007, is amended by adding the following new subsection: **NEW SUBSECTION.** 5. The commissioner may appoint high school students who are not yet qualified to be registered voters to serve as precinct election board members.

a. To qualify to serve as a precinct election board member, a high school student shall:

- (1) Be a United States citizen.
- (2) Be at least seventeen years of age and a student in good standing enrolled in a public or private secondary school in Iowa.
- (3) Receive credit in at least four subjects, each of one period or hour, or the equivalent thereof, at all times. The eligible subjects are language arts, social studies, mathematics, science, health, physical education, fine arts, foreign language, and vocational education. Coursework taken as a postsecondary enrollment option for which a school district or accredited nonpublic school grants academic credit toward high school graduation shall be used in determining eligibility. A student shall not be denied eligibility if the student's school program deviates from the traditional two-semester school year. Each student wishing to participate under this subsection shall be passing all coursework for which credit is given and shall be making adequate progress toward graduation requirements at the end of each grading period. At the end of a grading period that is the final grading period in a school year, a student who receives a failing grade in any course for which credit is awarded is ineligible to participate under this subsection. A student who is eligible at the close of a semester is academically eligible to participate under this subsection until the beginning of the subsequent semester. A student with a disability who has an individualized education program shall not be denied eligibility to participate under this subsection on the basis of scholarship if the student is making adequate progress, as determined by school officials, towards the goals and objectives on the student's individualized education program.
- (4) At the time of appointment, have the written approval of the principal of the secondary school the student attends.
- (5) Have the written approval of the student's parent or legal guardian.
- (6) Have satisfactorily completed the training course for election officials.
- (7) Meet all other qualifications for appointment and service as an election board member except the requirement of being a registered voter.