

721—22.600(47) Revolving loan fund. The purpose of this rule is to establish an e-poll book and polling place modernization panel to review applications submitted to the state commissioner for distribution of moneys from the revolving loan fund created by 2017 Iowa Acts, House File 516, section 37, to be codified at Iowa Code section 47.11.

22.600(1) Definitions.

“*E-poll book*” is as defined in rule 721—22.1(52).

“*Vendor,*” for purposes of this rule, means a person or representative of a person developing, offering, or supporting an e-poll book.

22.600(2) In order to ensure that the public funds in this rule are used responsibly and efficiently, this rule creates a panel consisting of designees of the state commissioner of elections, the state auditor, and the director of the department of management. Attendance by two of the three members constitutes a quorum. The panel shall conform to the party and gender balance requirements of Iowa Code sections 69.16 and 69.16A.

22.600(3) The state commissioner shall convene the panel whenever necessary to review loan applications received from county commissioners requesting moneys from the fund.

22.600(4) The state commissioner may convene the panel to review proposed expenditures for updating technology standards for elections. If the state commissioner determines that there is an urgent need that an expenditure of moneys from the fund be used to update technology standards, the state commissioner may spend the moneys without convening the panel. In such instance, the state commissioner shall report that expenditure at the next meeting of the panel.

22.600(5) The panel shall create guidelines for loaning moneys from the fund to county commissioners for the updating of polling place technology. The guidelines shall be published on the state commissioner’s website.

22.600(6) Before distributing or loaning funds, the panel shall consider the published guidelines, but may take additional factors into consideration. The panel shall not waive any information technology security standards, but may waive other requirements. A majority vote of the panel members present is sufficient to approve funding.

22.600(7) Before any funds from the revolving loan fund are provided for the acquisition of e-poll books, the e-poll book system shall conform to the security requirements within this chapter.

This rule is intended to implement 2017 Iowa Acts, House File 516, section 37.

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