

SENATE/HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED SECRETARY OF
STATE BILL)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring the secretary of state to conduct a study
2 related to absent voter signature verification.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. SECRETARY OF STATE — ABSENT VOTER SIGNATURE
2 VERIFICATION STUDY — REPORT. The secretary of state shall
3 conduct a study on implementing procedures to verify each
4 absent voter's signature on the affidavit form printed on
5 the absentee ballot envelope and subscribed to by the voter
6 pursuant to section 53.16 against the voter's signature on file
7 with state or local election officials and other agencies.
8 The secretary of state shall prepare and file a report making
9 recommendations regarding the implementation of signature
10 verification procedures and shall include information on the
11 costs associated with implementing such procedures. The
12 report may include proposed legislation to implement the
13 recommendations in the report. The secretary of state shall
14 file the report with the governor and the general assembly no
15 later than December 15, 2014.

16 EXPLANATION

17 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
18 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

19 This bill requires that the secretary of state conduct a
20 study on implementing procedures to verify voter signatures on
21 absentee ballot affidavit envelopes against voter signatures
22 on file with state and local election officials and other
23 agencies. The bill requires that the secretary of state
24 prepare and file a report making recommendations to implement
25 signature verification procedures which shall also include
26 information on the costs associated with implementing those
27 procedures. The secretary of state may also include proposed
28 legislation to implement the recommendations in the report.
29 The bill further requires that the secretary of state file the
30 report with the governor and the general assembly no later than
31 December 15, 2014.