



SF 2142 – Primary Election Voters, Eighteen Year Olds at General Election (LSB5091SV)
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Description

Senate File 2142 relates to voter registration and voting by lowering the age at which a person may register to vote and the age at which a registered voter is eligible to vote in a primary. The bill allows a registered voter who is not 18 years of age to vote in a primary election if the voter will be at least 18 years of age on the date of the general election.

Background

- Current law in Iowa permits a young person who is at least 17 and one-half years of age to register to vote. The registration does not become effective until the voter turns 18 years of age.
- According to the National Conference on State Legislatures (NCSL), approximately 21 states, including Iowa currently, permit young people to register to vote before they reach the voting age of 18.

Assumptions

- Arikkan, the IVoters System vendor, estimates between 1,300 and 1,750 hours to reprogram the IVoters system. The cost per hour is approximately \$110.
- Precinct Atlas, an electronic pollbook system for over 55 counties in Iowa estimates programming costs of approximately \$600.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact to the Secretary of State's Office to reprogram the IVoters System for voter registration and election management is estimated to range between \$143,000 and \$193,000.

Source

Office of the Secretary of State
NCSL

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The fiscal note for this bill was prepared pursuant to **Joint Rule 17** and the Iowa Code. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Fiscal Services Division of the Legislative Services Agency upon request.
