



SF 2142 – Primary Election Voters, Eighteen Year Olds at General Election (LSB5091SV.1)
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Fiscal Note Version – As amended and passed by the Senate

Description

Senate File 2142, as amended and passed by the Senate, 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. The bill is effective January 1, 2017.

Background

- Current law in Iowa permits a person 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 persons 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

/s/ Holly M. Lyons

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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.
