



THOMAS J. VILSACK
GOVERNOR

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LT. GOVERNOR

March 1, 2006

The Honorable Chester Culver
Secretary of State
State Capitol Building
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

House File 2050, an Act relating to elections by making changes concerning requirements for entrances to certain polling places, arrangement of names on the ballot for nonpartisan offices, and election registers, and including effective and applicability date provisions.

The above House File is hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas J. Vilsack".

Thomas J. Vilsack
Governor

TJV:jmc

cc: Secretary of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House





HOUSE FILE 2050

AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS BY MAKING CHANGES CONCERNING
REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRANCES TO CERTAIN POLLING PLACES,
ARRANGEMENT OF NAMES ON THE BALLOT FOR NONPARTISAN
OFFICES, AND ELECTION REGISTERS, AND INCLUDING
EFFECTIVE AND APPLICABILITY DATE PROVISIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 49.10, subsection 4, Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:

4. ~~No~~ A single room or area of any building or facility ~~shall~~ may be fixed as the polling place for more than one precinct ~~unless there are separate entrances each.~~ The location of each polling place shall be clearly marked within the room or area on the days on which elections are held as the entrance to location of the polling place of a particular precinct, and suitable arrangements are shall be made within

the room or area to prevent direct access from the polling place of any precinct to the polling place of any other precinct. When the commissioner has fixed such a polling place for any precinct it shall remain the polling place at all subsequent elections, except elections for which the precinct is merged with another precinct as permitted by section 49.11, until the boundaries of the precinct are changed or the commissioner fixes a new polling place, except that the polling place shall be changed to a point within the boundaries of the precinct at any time not less than sixty days before the next succeeding election that a building or facility suitable for such use becomes available within the precinct.

Sec. 2. Section 49.31, subsection 2, unnumbered paragraph 2, Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:

On the general election ballot the names of candidates for the nonpartisan offices listed in section 39.21 shall be arranged by drawing lots for position. The ~~board of supervisors~~ commissioner shall hold the drawing ~~at its first meeting on the first business day following the deadline for receipt of objections and withdrawals by candidates~~ filing of nomination certificates or petitions with the commissioner for the general election pursuant to section 44.4. If a candidate withdraws, dies, or is removed from the ballot after the ballot position of names has been determined, such candidate's name shall be removed from the ballot, and the order of the remaining names shall not be changed.

Sec. 3. Section 49.77, subsections 1 and 2, Code 2005, are amended to read as follows:

1. The board members of their respective precincts shall have charge of the ballots and furnish them to the voters. Any person desiring to vote shall sign a voter's declaration provided by the officials, in substantially the following form:

VOTER'S DECLARATION OF ELIGIBILITY

I do solemnly swear or affirm that I am a resident of the precinct, ward or township, city of, county of, Iowa.

I am a registered voter. I have not voted and will not vote in any other precinct in said election.

I understand that any false statement in this declaration is a criminal offense punishable as provided by law.

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Signature of Voter
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Address
.....
Telephone

Approved:

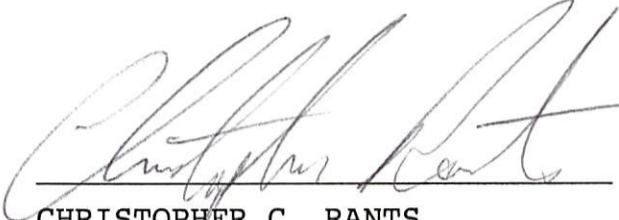
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Board Member

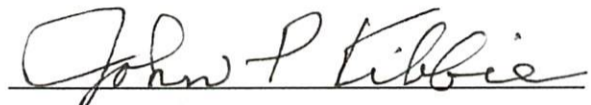
At the discretion of the commissioner, this declaration may be printed on each page of the election register and the voter shall sign the election register next to the voter's printed name. The voter's signature in the election register shall be considered the voter's signed declaration of eligibility affidavit. The state commissioner of elections shall prescribe by rule an alternate method for providing the information in subsection 2 for those counties where the declaration of eligibility is printed in the election register. The state voter registration system shall be designed to allow for the affidavit to be printed on each page of the election register and to allow sufficient space for the voter's signature.

2. One of the precinct election officials shall announce the voter's name aloud for the benefit of any persons present pursuant to section 49.104, subsection 2, 3, or 5. Any If the declaration of eligibility is not printed on each page of the election register, any of those persons may upon request view the signed declarations of eligibility and may review the signed declarations on file so long as the person does not interfere with the functions of the precinct election officials. If the declaration of eligibility is printed on the election register, the precinct election official shall make available for viewing a listing of those voters who have signed declarations of eligibility. Any of those persons present pursuant to section 49.104, subsection 2, 3, or 5, may upon request view the listing of those voters who have signed declarations of eligibility, so long as the person does not interfere with the functions of the precinct election officials.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE AND APPLICABILITY DATES. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment and applies to elections held after the effective date of this Act.



CHRISTOPHER C. RANTS
Speaker of the House




JOHN P. KIBBIE
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 2050, Eighty-first General Assembly.



MARGARET THOMSON
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved MARCH 1, 2006



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Governor