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May 10, 2008

The Honorable Michael Mauro
Secretary of State
State Capitol Building
L O C A L

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

House File 2367, an Act relating to the tally of absentee votes by precinct at certain elections.

The above House File is hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Culver", written over a large, stylized initial "C".

Chester J. Culver
Governor

CJC:bdj

cc: Secretary of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House





HOUSE FILE 2367

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE TALLY OF ABSENTEE VOTES BY PRECINCT AT CERTAIN ELECTIONS.

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

Section 1. Section 53.20, Code 2007, is amended to read as follows:

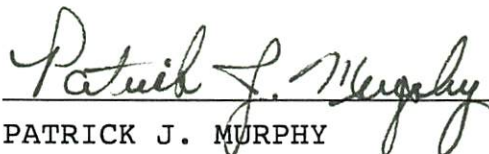
53.20 SPECIAL PRECINCT ESTABLISHED.

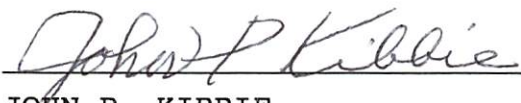
1. There is established in each county a special precinct to be known as the absentee ballot and special voters precinct. Its jurisdiction shall be conterminous with the borders of the county, for the purposes specified by sections 53.22 and 53.23, and the requirement that precincts not cross the boundaries of legislative districts shall not be applicable to it. The commissioner shall draw up an election board panel for the special precinct in the manner prescribed by section 49.15, having due regard for the nature and extent of the duties required of members of the election board and the election officers to be appointed from the panel.

2. Results from the special precinct shall be reported separately from the results of the ballots cast at the polls on election day. The commissioner shall for general elections also report the results of the special precinct by the resident precincts of the voters who cast absentee and provisional ballots. For all other elections, the commissioner may report the results of the special precinct by the resident precincts of the voters who cast absentee and provisional ballots, or may report the absentee results as a single precinct. The separate residence precinct reports shall be provided in one of the following ways:

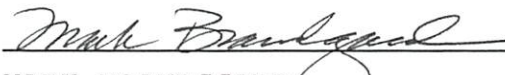
a. The commissioner may manually sort the absentee ballots by precinct upon receipt of completed ballots. Each group of ballots from an individual precinct shall be tallied together.

b. The commissioner may prepare a separate absentee ballot style for each precinct in the county and shall program the voting system to produce reports by the resident precincts of the voters.

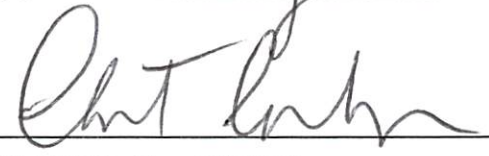

PATRICK J. MURPHY
Speaker of the House


JOHN P. KIBBIE
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 2367, Eighty-second General Assembly.


MARK BRANDSGARD
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved May 10th, 2008


CHESTER J. CULVER
Governor