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April 3, 2007

The Honorable Michael Mauro
Secretary of State
State Capitol Building
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

House File 618, an Act allowing a county commissioner of elections to appoint certain high school students to serve as precinct election board members.

The above House File is hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chester J. Culver", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chester J. Culver
Governor

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cc: Secretary of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House





HOUSE FILE 618

AN ACT

ALLOWING A COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF ELECTIONS TO APPOINT
CERTAIN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO SERVE AS PRECINCT ELECTION
BOARD MEMBERS.

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

Section 1. Section 49.13, Code 2007, is amended by adding
the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 5. The commissioner may appoint high
school students who are not yet qualified to be registered
voters to serve as precinct election board members.

a. To qualify to serve as a precinct election board
member, a high school student shall:

(1) Be a United States citizen.

(2) Be at least seventeen years of age and a student in
good standing enrolled in a public or private secondary school
in Iowa.

(3) Receive credit in at least four subjects, each of one
period or hour, or the equivalent thereof, at all times. The
eligible subjects are language arts, social studies,
mathematics, science, health, physical education, fine arts,
foreign language, and vocational education. Coursework taken
as a postsecondary enrollment option for which a school
district or accredited nonpublic school grants academic credit
toward high school graduation shall be used in determining
eligibility. A student shall not be denied eligibility if the
student's school program deviates from the traditional
two-semester school year. Each student wishing to participate
under this subsection shall be passing all coursework for
which credit is given and shall be making adequate progress

toward graduation requirements at the end of each grading period. At the end of a grading period that is the final grading period in a school year, a student who receives a failing grade in any course for which credit is awarded is ineligible to participate under this subsection. A student who is eligible at the close of a semester is academically eligible to participate under this subsection until the beginning of the subsequent semester. A student with a disability who has an individualized education program shall not be denied eligibility to participate under this subsection on the basis of scholarship if the student is making adequate progress, as determined by school officials, towards the goals and objectives on the student's individualized education program.

(4) At the time of appointment, have the written approval of the principal of the secondary school the student attends.

(5) Have the written approval of the student's parent or legal guardian.

(6) Have satisfactorily completed the training course for election officials.

(7) Meet all other qualifications for appointment and service as an election board member except the requirement of being a registered voter.

b. No more than one student precinct election board member may serve on each precinct election board.

c. Student precinct election board members shall not serve as the chairperson of a precinct election board.

d. Before serving at a partisan election, the student precinct election board member must certify in writing to the commissioner the political party with which the student is affiliated.

e. Student precinct election board members shall not be allowed to work more hours than allowed under the applicable labor laws.

f. A student who serves on a precinct election board is not eligible to receive class credit for such service unless such service qualifies as meeting the requirements of a class assignment imposed on all students in the class.

g. No later than fourteen days after the date of the election, the commissioner shall report to the appropriate secondary school the following information:

(1) The name of each student attending the school who served as a precinct election board member on election day.

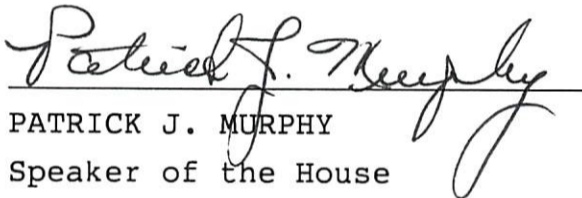
(2) The number of hours the student served as a precinct election board member.


(3) The precinct number and polling place location where the student served as a precinct election board member.

(4) Any other information the commissioner deems appropriate or that is requested by the school.

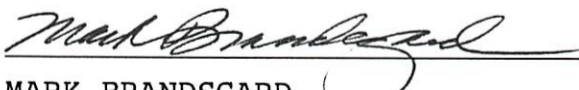
Sec. 2. Section 49.15, Code 2007, is amended by adding the following new unnumbered paragraph:

NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. In drawing up precinct election board panels, the commissioner may use student precinct election board members appointed pursuant to section 49.13, subsection 5.



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 618, Eighty-second General Assembly.


MARK BRANDSGARD
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved April 3rd, 2007


CHESTER J. CULVER
Governor