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March 10, 2016

The Honorable Paul Pate
Secretary of State of Iowa
State Capitol Building
LOCAL

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

House File 2147, an Act relating to absentee voting by uniformed and overseas citizens.

The above House File is hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry E. Branstad".

Terry E. Branstad
Governor

cc: Secretary of the Senate
Clerk of the House



House File 2147

AN ACT

RELATING TO ABSENTEE VOTING BY UNIFORMED AND OVERSEAS CITIZENS.

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

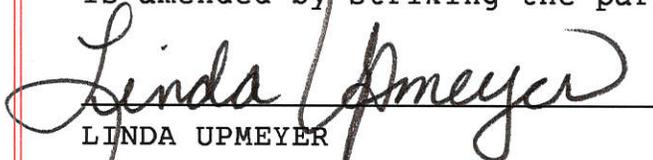
Section 1. Section 53.45, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code 2016, is amended to read as follows:

b. The application for a special absentee ballot shall not be filed earlier than ~~ninety~~ one hundred twenty days prior to the general election. The special absentee ballot shall list the offices and measures, if known, scheduled to appear on the general election ballot. The eligible elector may use the special absentee ballot to write in the name of any eligible candidate for each office and may vote on any measure.

Sec. 2. Section 53.53, subsection 1, Code 2016, is amended to read as follows:

1. Upon receipt of an official federal write-in ballot, the commissioner shall examine the voter's written declarations on the envelope. ~~If it appears that the voter is eligible to vote under the provisions of this subchapter, has applied in a timely fashion for an absentee ballot,~~ and has complied with all requirements for the federal write-in ballot, then the federal write-in ballot is valid unless ~~the~~ an Iowa absentee ballot is received from the voter in time to be counted.

Sec. 3. Section 53.53, subsection 4, paragraph b, Code 2016,
is amended by striking the paragraph.


LINDA UPMEYER
Speaker of the House


PAM JOCHUM
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and
is known as House File 2147, Eighty-sixth General Assembly.


CARMINE BOAL
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved March 10, 2016


PERRY E. BRANSTAD
Governor