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Elections, Political and Judicial Districts.

House File 210
By BAUMHOVER.

Passed House, Date 3-24-61 Passed Senate, Date 4-21-61
Vote: Ayes 56 Nays 18 Vote: Ayes 40 Nays 0
Approved 4-26-61

A BILL FOR

An Act relating to the purchase of voting machines.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

- 1 Section 1. Section fifty-two point two (52.2), Code 1958,
- 2 is hereby amended by striking from line three (3) the word
- 3 "two-thirds" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "majority".

EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 210

The purpose of this bill is to provide a realistic measure. Under the present law a two-thirds vote of the board or council is necessary to authorize the purchase of voting machines. If the board or council consists of three members, two members equal two-thirds, but if the board or council consists of five members, three members only represent sixty per cent and therefore it requires four out of five. If the board or council consists of seven members, four members represent less than sixty per cent and therefore it requires five out of seven.

