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Governmental Affairs. *do pass 4/11*

House File 492

By RESNICK.

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Passed Senate, Date *5/20*

Vote: Ayes *87* Nays *0*

Vote: Ayes *53* Nays *0*

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passed house as amended 5/21

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A BILL FOR

An Act relating to political parties in special charter cities having a population of twenty-five thousand (25,000) or more. *passed as amended 5/21*

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

1 Section 1. Political parties in special charter cities having
 2 a population of twenty-five thousand (25,000) or more shall hold
 3 a city convention within the city on the second (2nd) Friday fol-
 4 lowing the primary election. The city central committee shall
 5 set the time and place of the convention and shall file the same
 6 in the office of the city clerk at least ten (10) days prior to
 7 the convention.

1 Sec. 2. Delegates to city conventions of their respective
 2 political parties shall be elected at precinct caucuses held at
 3 eight (8) p.m. on the third (3rd) Monday in August of the same
 4 year in which the city general election is conducted. The pre-
 5 cinct caucuses shall be convened within the boundaries of each
 6 precinct at places designated by the city central committee. The
 7 chairman of the city central committee shall file with the city
 8 clerk a certified list of places where the precinct caucuses will
 9 be held not later than ten (10) days prior to the date of the
 10 caucus and shall cause the time and place of said caucus to be
 11 published in two (2) newspapers within the city not later than
 12 ten (10) days prior to the convening of the precinct caucus.

1 Sec. 3. The precinct caucus shall elect, by a majority vote

2 of those present, a chairman and secretary who shall certify to
3 the city central committee and city clerk the names and addresses
4 of those elected as delegates to the city convention. The number
5 of delegates from each voting precinct shall be determined by a
6 ratio adopted by the respective political party's city central
7 committee, and the chairman of the city central committee shall
8 file with the city clerk a statement designating the number of
9 delegates for each voting precinct in the city not less than
10 twenty-five (25) days before the date of the precinct caucuses.
11 If the chairman of the city central committee fails to so act,
12 the city clerk shall designate the number of delegates to be
13 elected from each voting precinct and shall cause such information
14 to be published in two (2) newspapers within the city at least
15 ten (10) days prior to holding the precinct caucuses.

1 Sec. 4. The delegates shall hold office from the day follow-
2 ing the election for a period of two (2) years.

1 Sec. 5. Candidates for city precinct committeemen and commit-
2 teewomen, or candidates for ward alderman or ward councilman,
3 shall cause their names to be printed on the primary ballot by
4 filing an affidavit as provided for in section forty-three point
5 eighteen (43.18) of the Code in the office of the city clerk at
6 least thirty (30) days prior to the day fixed for conducting the
7 primary election.

1 Sec. 6. A male member and a female member for each political
2 party shall be elected from each precinct to the city central
3 committee at the primary election. They shall hold office for a
4 period of two (2) years immediately following the adjournment of
5 the city convention, or until his or her successor is duly elected

6 and qualified, unless sooner removed by the city central committee
7 for failing to perform the duties of committeemen, incompetency,
8 or failing to support the ticket nominated by their respective
9 party.

1 Sec. 7. The city central committee shall commence performing
2 their duties on the day of the city convention and vacancies oc-
3 ccurring therein may be filled by the city chairman subject to
4 confirmation of the central committee. Committee members from
5 the same precinct shall not be of the same sex.

1 Sec. 8. Election judges shall make returns of the election of
2 members of the city central committee in the same manner as returns
3 are conducted for other officers except that the election judges
4 shall canvass the returns as to members of the city central com-
5 mittee, and certify the results thereof to the city clerk with
6 the returns.

1 Sec. 9. After the canvass of votes and returns by the city
2 council the city clerk shall notify the members of the central
3 committee who have been elected of the time and place of holding
4 the city convention, and shall deliver a certified list of those
5 elected to the chairman of their respective political party's cen-
6 tral committee in the city on or before the first (1st) Thursday
7 following the primary election.

1 Sec. 10. The city convention shall be composed of the dele-
2 gates elected at the last preceding city precinct caucus, and the
3 city clerk shall forward a certified list of said elected dele-
4 gates at least ten (10) days prior to the city convention to the
5 chairman of the city central committee.

1 Sec. 11. The city clerk and city council shall, in municipal

2 elections, perform those duties imposed upon the county auditor
3 and county board of supervisors in county elections. The city
4 clerk shall keep a certified list of delegates to the city con-
5 vention elected at the precinct caucuses and a record of the pre-
6 cinct committeeman and committeewoman elected at the primary
7 election. The city clerk shall maintain a current list of all
8 members of the city central committee. The certified list and
9 records shall be maintained by the city clerk for at least two
10 (2) years subsequent to the election of the delegates and pre-
11 cinct committeeman and shall be available for public inspection.

12 Sec. 12. All laws or other provisions of the Code governing
13 political parties and the nomination of candidates in elections
14 shall, as far as applicable, govern the political parties and
15 nomination and election of candidates in cities acting under a
16 special charter which has a population of twenty-five thousand
17 (25,000) or more.

EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 492

This bill provides for the election of city precinct committeemen and committeewomen, a city central committee, and a city convention for the various political parties in special charter cities having a population of twenty-five thousand (25,000) or more.

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- 1 Amend House File 492 as follows:
- 2 In section 3, line 12, strike the words "city clerk" and
- 3 insert in lieu thereof the words "county chairman".

Filed
May 17, 1965.

Adopted 5/20

By CASSIDY.

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- 1 Amend House File 492 as follows:
- 2 1. Strike line 2 of the title and insert in lieu thereof
- 3 a period.
- 4 2. In section 1, line 2, and in section 12, lines 5 and
- 5 6, strike the words and figures "twenty-five thousand (25,000)"
- 6 and insert in lieu thereof the words and figures "fifty thousand
- 7 (50,000)".
- 8 3. Add thereto the following new section:
- 9 "Sec. 13. This Act shall also apply in and to any
- 10 special charter city having a population of twenty thousand
- 11 (20,000) or more and less than fifty thousand (50,000),
- 12 except when such city is operating under a plan of municipal
- 13 government which specifically provides for a nonpartisan
- 14 primary election. However, wherever this Act requires
- 15 publication in two (2) newspapers within the city, publication
- 16 in one (1) newspaper within the city shall be sufficient in
- 17 such special charter cities having a population of twenty
- 18 thousand (20,000) or more but less than fifty thousand
- 19 (50,000)."

Filed
May 18, 1965.

adapted 5/50

House concurred 5/21

By STANLEY.