STATE GOVERNMENT

HOUSE FILE 2001
BY BISIGNANO

Passed House, Date 1/24/96 (4 157) Passed Senate, Date 2/8/96 (p. 434)

Vote: Ayes 100 Nays 0 Vote: Ayes 47 Nays 0

Approved 20, 1990

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to elections by revising provisions governing
2 voting booth requirements.

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

TLSB 7143HF 73 jw/jw/5

HF 200

```
S.F. _____ H.F. _2001
```

- Section 1. Section 49.25, subsection 3, Code 1989, is
- 2 amended by striking the subsection and inserting in lieu
- 3 thereof the following:
- 4 3. The commissioner shall furnish to each precinct where
- 5 voting is to be by paper ballot, special paper ballot, or
- 6 ballot card, rather than by voting machine, the necessary
- 7 ballot boxes, suitably equipped with seals or locks and keys,
- 8 and voting booths. The voting booths shall be approved by the
- 9 board of examiners for voting machines and electronic voting
- 10 systems and shall provide for voting in secrecy. At least one
- 11 voting booth in each precinct shall be accessible to the
- 12 handicapped. If the lighting in the polling place is
- 13 inadequate, the voting booths used in that precinct shall
- 14 include lights.
- 15 Sec. 2. Section 52.26, subsection 1, Code 1989, is amended
- 16 to read as follows:
- 1. Provide for voting in secrecy, except as to persons
- 18 entitled by sections 49.90 and 49.91 to assistance. The state
- 19 board of examiners for voting machines and electronic voting
- 20 systems shall determine whether the systems' voting booths
- 21 provide for voting in secrecy.
- 22 EXPLANATION
- 23 This bill deletes certain statutory provisions establishing
- 24 dimensions and other specific construction features for voting
- 25 booths. It explicitly states that the board of examiners for
- 26 voting machines and electronic voting systems has the
- 27 authority to approve voting booths and determine whether the
- 28 booths meet secrecy requirements.

29

30

31

32

33

34

35

HOUSE FILE 2001 FISCAL NOTE

A fiscal note for House File 2001 is hereby submitted pursuant to Joint Rule 17. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.

House File 2001 deletes the language specifying the dimensions of voting booths for paper ballots and states that voting booths shall provide adequate secrecy as determined by the State Examiner for Voting Machines and Electronic Voting Systems.

FISCAL EFFECT:

Counties bear the costs of elections so there will be no cost to the General Fund. No estimate of the costs to counties is available at this time.

Source: Secretary of State

(LSB 7143h, MDF)

FILED FEBRUARY 8, 1990

BY DENNIS PROUTY, FISCAL DIRECTOR

HOUSE FILE 2001

AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTIONS BY REVISING PROVISIONS GOVERNING VOTING BOOTH REQUIREMENTS.

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

Section 1. Section 49.25, subsection 3, Code 1989, is amended by striking the subsection and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

- 3. The commissioner shall furnish to each precinct where voting is to be by paper ballot, special paper ballot, or ballot card, rather than by voting machine, the necessary ballot boxes, suitably equipped with seals or locks and keys, and voting booths. The voting booths shall be approved by the board of examiners for voting machines and electronic voting systems and shall provide for voting in secrecy. At least one voting booth in each precinct shall be accessible to the handicapped. If the lighting in the polling place is inadequate, the voting booths used in that precinct shall include lights.
- Sec. 2. Section 52.26, subsection 1, Code 1989, is amended to read as follows:
- 1. Provide for voting in secrecy, except as to persons entitled by sections 49.90 and 49.91 to assistance. The state board of examiners for voting machines and electronic voting

systems shall determine whether the systems' voting booths provide for voting in secrecy.

> DONALD D. AVENSON Speaker of the House

JO ANN ZIMMERMAN President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 2001, Seventy-third General Assembly.

JOSEPH O'HERN

Chief Clerk of the House

TERRY E. BRANSTAD Governor