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HOUSE FILE 255
BY COMMITTEE ON STATE
GOVERNMENT

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(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 88)

Passed House, Date 2-20-89 (p515) Passed Senate, Date _____
Vote: Ayes 65 Nays 33 Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____
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11 application forms for operators' licenses, chauffeurs'
12 licenses, and nonoperators' identification cards so that the
13 forms may also serve as voter registration cards. The forms
14 shall contain spaces for the information required by section
15 48.6 and applicable rules of the state voter registration
16 commission. All persons applying for operators' licenses,
17 chauffeurs' licenses, and nonoperators' identification cards
18 shall be asked if they desire to register to vote or change
19 their voter registration at the same time. Each application
20 containing a completed voter registration shall be sent to the
21 county auditor of the county in which the voter maintains
22 residence within one business day of completion. The state
23 voter registration commission, in consultation with the
24 director of the state department of transportation, shall
25 adopt rules and forms for the implementation of this section.

26 EXPLANATION

27 This bill would require the director of the department of
28 revenue and finance to insert two voter registration forms in
29 each individual income tax return form or instruction booklet.
30 In addition, the bill would require the state department of
31 transportation to design certain of its application forms so
32 that the forms could also be used for voter registration.

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HOUSE FILE 255
FISCAL NOTE

A fiscal note for **HOUSE FILE 255** 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 255 would require the Department of Revenue and Finance to insert two voter registration forms in each individual income tax return form or instruction booklet. It also would require the Department of Transportation to design certain license application forms so that the forms can be used for voter registration.

Assumptions

1. The Department of Revenue and Finance and the Department of Transportation would bear the cost of printing the registration forms. No charges will be made to the Office of the Secretary of State.
2. The Department of Transportation completes its application forms electronically, rather than manually. It will need to make modifications to its current programs and procedures to include the collection of voter registration information.
3. The costs to the Department of Revenue and Finance will be affected by (a) the quantity of forms printed, (b) the size of the form, (c) how the registration forms are affixed to the tax form, and (d) the competitive bidding process for income tax forms with the addition of voter registration forms.

Fiscal Effect

The Department of Transportation estimates the costs for data processing staff time to redesign the license application programs to include voter registration information would be between \$10,000 and \$12,000. There is a potential for additional mailing costs to send voter registration forms to the county of residence when an individual obtains his or her motor vehicle license outside the county of residence. It is not known whether this information can be transferred electronically. There also would be some additional printing costs and staff time costs for interviewing applicants to obtain the voter registration information. These additional costs cannot be estimated.

The costs to the Department of Revenue and Finance are estimated to be between \$20,000 and \$30,000.

The total costs for FY 1990 are estimated to be between \$30,000 and \$42,000. Costs for the following years would be between \$20,000 and \$30,000.

Source: Secretary of State
Department of Transportation
Department of Revenue and Finance

(LSB 1309hv, MDF)

ED FEBRUARY 21, 1989

BY DENNIS PROSTY, FISCAL DIRECTOR

HOUSE FILE 255

H-3145

1 Amend the amendment, H-3139, to House File 255, as
2 follows:

3 1. Page 1, by striking lines 14 through 21 and
4 inserting the following: "twelve-month period. In
5 the case of persons applying to the state department
6 of transportation for operators' licenses, chauffeurs'
7 licenses, or nonoperators' identification cards, the
8 employee of the department who gives the person the
9 application form shall also hand the person a voter
10 registration form.

11 PARAGRAPH DIVIDED. If the person does-execute".
By CARPENTER of Polk

H-3145 FILED FEBRUARY 13, 1989

Out of order 2-20-89 (p. 514)

HOUSE FILE 255

H-3139

1 Amend House File 255 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, by inserting before line 1 the
3 following:

4 "Section 1. Section 48.20, unnumbered paragraph 1,
5 Code 1989, is amended to read as follows:

6 The registration forms provided in section 48.3
7 shall be available in all offices maintained by state
8 agencies. The officers and employees of those
9 agencies shall offer to each person doing business in
10 that office the opportunity to register, unless the
11 officer or employee is reasonably certain that a
12 person doing business in the office has already been
13 offered a registration form within the previous
14 twelve-month period.

3145 15 PARAGRAPH DIVIDED. In the case of persons applying
16 to the state department of transportation for
17 operators' licenses, chauffeurs' licenses, or
18 nonoperators' identification cards, the employee of
19 the department who gives the person the application
20 form shall also, without exception, hand the person a
21 voter registration form. If the person does-execute
22 executes the form, the form shall be sent to the
23 appropriate commissioner of registration."

24 2. Page 1, by striking lines 8 through 25.

25 3. By numbering and renumbering as necessary.

By CARPENTER of Polk

H-3139 FILED FEBRUARY 10, 1989

withdrawn 2-20-89 (p. 514)

HOUSE FILE 255

H-3168

1 Amend House File 255 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, line 9, by striking the word
3 "APPLICATIONS" and inserting the following: "FORMS".

4 2. Page 1, line 11, by striking the word
5 "application".

6 3. Page 1, line 19, by striking the word
7 "application" and inserting the following: "form".

By PAVICH of Pottawattamie
CARPENTER of Polk

H-3168 FILED FEBRUARY 16, 1989

Adopted 2-20-89 (p. 514)

Sen. State Govt.
OO pass 3-30-89 (p 1100)
delegation 4-10-89 (p 1284)

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BY COMMITTEE ON STATE
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(As Amended and Passed by the House February 20, 1989)

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BACKGROUND STATEMENT
SUBMITTED BY THE AGENCY

This bill is intended to expand on the current agency voter registration law by providing alternate registration forms in all income tax return forms and instruction booklets and by providing one form to obtain a driver's license and register to vote.

By adopting this measure, alternative registration forms would be readily available to most new residents of the State of Iowa as well as those who move within the state.

The State of Minnesota adopted this measure in 1987 and reported over 80,000 new registrations from the income tax forms alone.

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DONALD D. AVENSON
Speaker of the House

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JO ANN ZIMMERMAN
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 255, Seventy-third General Assembly.

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JOSEPH O'HERN
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved May 8, 1989

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TERRY E. BRANSTAD
Governor