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HOUSE FILE 34
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the closing hour of precinct polling places.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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HF 34

1 Section 1. Section 49.73, subsection 2, Code 1995, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. The commissioner shall not shorten voting hours for any
4 election if there is filed in the commissioner's office, at
5 least twenty-five days before the election, a petition signed
6 by at least fifty eligible electors of the school district or
7 city, as the case may be, requesting that the polls be opened
8 not later than seven o'clock a.m. All polling places where
9 the candidates of or any public question submitted by any one
10 political subdivision are being voted upon shall be opened at
11 the same hour, except that this requirement shall not apply to
12 merged areas established under chapter 260C. The hours at
13 which the respective precinct polling places are to open shall
14 not be changed after publication of the notice required by
15 section 49.53. The polling places shall be closed at nine
16 o'clock eight p.m. for ~~state-primary-and-general-elections-and~~
17 ~~other-partisan-elections,-and-for-any-other-election-held~~
18 ~~concurrently-therewith,-and-at-eight-o'clock-p.m.-for~~ all
19 other elections.

20 EXPLANATION

21 This bill changes from 9 p.m. to 8 p.m. the hour at which
22 precinct polling places are to close for partisan elections
23 and any election held concurrently with a partisan election.

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**HOUSE FILE 34
FISCAL NOTE**

A fiscal note for House File 34 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 34 changes the time which a polling place is open from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for certain elections.

FISCAL EFFECT:

House File 34 does not have a State General Fund fiscal impact. The Bill could save local governments some personnel costs, due to the reduced polling hours. Information is not available to accurately estimate the savings to local governments of reduced polling place hours.

(LSB 1159hh, SLL)

FILED MARCH 21, 1995

BY DENNIS PROUTY, FISCAL DIRECTOR

HOUSE FILE 34

H-3435

- 1 Amend House File 34 as follows:
 - 2 1. Page 1, line 15, by striking the word "nine"
 - 3 and inserting the following: "nine".
 - 4 2. Page 1, line 16, by striking the word "eight".
- By BERNAU of Story
COON of Warren

H-3435 FILED MARCH 23, 1995

HOUSE FILE 34

H-3485

- 1 Amend House File 34 as follows:
 - 2 1. Page 1, by inserting before line 1 the
 - 3 following:
 - 4 "Section 1. Section 1C.2, Code 1995, is amended by
 - 5 adding the following new subsection:
 - 6 NEW SUBSECTION. 5A. Election day, the first
 - 7 Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each
 - 8 even-numbered year."
 - 9 2. Title page, line 1, by inserting after the
 - 10 word "to" the following: "election day voting by
 - 11 including the general election date as a paid state
 - 12 holiday and modifying".
 - 13 3. By renumbering as necessary.
- By SHOULTZ of Black Hawk

H-3485 FILED MARCH 27, 1995