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STATE GOVERNMENT

HOUSE FILE 47
BY HOUSER

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing English as the official language of the
2 state.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 1.18 OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF STATE.
2 The official language of the state shall be the English
3 language and all official proceedings, records, and
4 publications shall be in the English language.

5 EXPLANATION

6 This bill establishes English as the official language of
7 the state.

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1 Amend House File 47 as follows:

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2 1. Page 1, by striking lines 3 and 4 and
3 inserting the following: "language."

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By KREIMAN of Davis

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1 Amend House File 47 as follows:

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2 1. Page 1, by inserting after line 4 the
3 following:

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4 "The provisions establishing English as the
5 official language of the state shall not apply:

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6 1. To state employees in the oral or verbal, as
7 opposed to written, performance of government
8 business.

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9 2. To instruction in foreign language classes.

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10 3. To instruction designed to aid students with
11 limited English proficiency.

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12 4. When deemed to interfere with the needs of the
13 judicial system.

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14 5. When public health, safety, and emergency
15 services require the use of other languages.

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16 6. To the promotion of international commerce and
17 tourism."

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By HOUSER of Pottawattamie

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