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STATE GOVERNMENT

HOUSE FILE 2055

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 Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approved \_\_\_\_\_

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the deadline for registering to vote in an  
 2 election.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 48A.9, subsection 1, Code 1997, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. Registration closes at five p.m. ~~eleven~~ thirty days  
4 before each election ~~except-primary-and-general-elections.~~  
5 ~~Per-primary-and-general-elections, registration-closes-at-five~~  
6 ~~p.m.-ten-days-before-the-election.~~ An eligible elector may  
7 register during the time registration is closed in the  
8 elector's precinct but the registration shall not become  
9 effective until registration opens again in the elector's  
10 precinct.

11 Sec. 2. Section 48A.9, subsection 3, Code 1997, is amended  
12 to read as follows:

13 3. A registration form submitted by mail shall be  
14 considered on time if it is postmarked no later than ~~the~~  
15 ~~fifteenth-day~~ thirty-five days before the election, even if it  
16 is received by the commissioner after the deadline, or if the  
17 registration form is received by the commissioner no later  
18 than five p.m. on the last day to register to vote for an  
19 election, even if it is postmarked after the ~~fifteenth~~ thirty-  
20 fifth day before the election.

21 EXPLANATION

22 This bill changes the deadline to register to vote in an  
23 election from 10 days before primary and general elections and  
24 11 days before all other elections to 30 days before all  
25 elections. The bill also provides that a mailed registration  
26 must be postmarked no later than 35 days before the election  
27 to be considered on time if it arrives after the deadline.

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