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HOUSE FILE 2436  
BY COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 523)

Passed House, Date 3/17/97 <sup>(P.734)</sup> Passed Senate, Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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## A BILL FOR

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H-8291

- 1 Amend House File 2436 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 2, line 10, by inserting after the word
- 3 "party" the following: "whose candidates for
- 4 president of the United States or governor, as the
- 5 case may be, received the greatest and the next
- 6 greatest number of votes in the most recent general
- 7 election".
- 8 2. Page 2, line 12, by inserting after the word
- 9 "commissioner." the following: "Each county
- 10 commissioner or commissioner's designee shall serve
- 11 two-year staggered terms."
- 12 3. Page 2, by striking lines 23 through 25 and
- 13 inserting the following: "The commission shall
- 14 organize and elect a".

By JACOBS of Polk

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28 services adopted annually by the registration commission. A  
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30 47.5.

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11 by the president of the Iowa state association of county  
12 ~~auditors, or an employee of the commissioner.~~ The commission  
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18 ~~state voter registration commission.~~ The state commissioner  
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24 terms so that one-half of the membership is appointed every  
25 two years. The commission shall organize and elect a  
26 chairperson annually at its first meeting held in the calendar  
27 year.

#### 28 EXPLANATION

29 This bill moves the responsibility for voter registration  
30 from the department of general services to the office of  
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35 services.

1 The bill also removes the state commissioner of elections  
2 as a voting member from the state voter registration  
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4 officio, nonvoting member of the commission in charge of  
5 performing the administrative tasks required by the  
6 commission. The bill provides that an additional county  
7 commissioner of registration shall be appointed to the state  
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