

House Study Bill 523

Bill Text

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1 1 Section 1. Section [47.7](#), subsections 1 and 2, Code
1 2 Supplement 1997, are amended to read as follows:
1 3 1. The

~~senior administrator of data processing services in~~

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~~the department of general services~~

~~state commissioner of~~

1 5 elections is designated the state registrar of voters, and
1 6 shall regulate the preparation, preservation, and maintenance
1 7 of voter registration records, the preparation of precinct
1 8 election registers for all elections administered by the
1 9 commissioner of any county, and the preparation of other data
1 10 on voter registration and participation in elections which is
1 11 requested and purchased at actual cost of preparation and
1 12 production by a political party or any resident of this state.
1 13 The registrar shall maintain a log, which is a public record,
1 14 showing all lists and reports which have been requested or
1 15 generated or which are capable of being generated by existing
1 16 programs of the data processing services

~~in the department of~~

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~~general services~~

~~of the registrar.~~ In the execution of the

1 18 duties provided by this chapter, the state registrar of voters
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~~and the state commissioner of elections~~

~~shall provide the~~

1 20 maximum public access to the electoral process permitted by
1 21 law.

1 22 2. The registrar shall offer to each county in the state
1 23 the opportunity to arrange for performance of all functions
1 24 referred to in subsection 1 by the data processing facilities
1 25 of the

~~department of general services~~

~~registrar,~~ commencing at

1 26 the earliest practicable time, at a cost to the county
1 27 determined in accordance with the standard charges for those
1 28 services adopted annually by the registration commission. A
1 29 county may accept this offer without taking bids under section
1 30 47.5.

1 31 Sec. 2. Section [47.8](#), subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph
1 32 1, Code 1997, is amended to read as follows:

1 33 A state voter registration commission is established which
1 34 shall meet at least quarterly to make and review policy, adopt
1 35 rules, and establish procedures

~~to be followed by the~~

~~registrar in discharging the duties of that office
- for voter~~

2 2 registration, and to promote interagency cooperation and
2 3 planning. The commission shall consist of the state
2 4 commissioner of elections or the state commissioner's
2 5 designee, the state chairpersons of the two political parties
2 6 whose candidates for president of the United States or
2 7 governor, as the case may be, received the greatest and next
2 8 greatest number of votes in the most recent general election,
2 9 or their respective designees, and a county commissioner of
2 10 registration appointed by the president of the Iowa state
2 11 association of county auditors, or an employee of the
2 12 commissioner. The commission membership shall be balanced by
2 13 political party affiliation pursuant to section 69.16.
2 14 Members shall serve without additional salary or
2 15 reimbursement.

2 16 EXPLANATION

2 17 This bill moves the responsibility for voter registration
2 18 from the department of general services to the office of
2 19 secretary of state and designates the state commissioner of
2 20 elections as the state registrar of voters. Previously, the
2 21 state registrar of voters had been the senior administrator of
2 22 data processing services in the department of general
2 23 services.
2 24 LSB 3215DP 77
2 25 sc/sc/14