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STATE GOVERNMENT

HOUSE FILE 65
BY HEATON

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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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1 Section 1. Section 49.73, subsection 2, Code 1999, 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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