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SENATE FILE 213

BY COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 3)

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

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act setting the time for the closing of precinct polling  
2 places.

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

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SF 213

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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