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STATE GOVERNMENT

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A BILL FOR

An Act relating to determining the number of ballots to be delivered to polling places for primary and general elections.
BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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Section 1. Section 49.64, Code 2001, is amended to read as follows:

49.64 NUMBER OF BALLOTS DELIVERED.

The commissioner shall ~~cause-ballots-of-the-kind-to-be voted-in-each-precinct,-to-be-delivered~~ deliver to the precinct election officials ~~as-follows:--in-general-elections which-are-presidential-elections-seventy-five-ballots-for every-fifty-votes,-or-fraction-thereof,-cast-in-said-precinct at-the-last-preceding-general-election-which-was-also-a presidential-election,-and-in-general-elections-which-are-not presidential-elections,-seventy-five-ballots-for-every-fifty votes,-or-fraction-thereof,-cast-therein-at-the-last-preceding general-election-which-was-not-a-presidential-election~~ a sufficient number of ballots of each kind to be voted in the precinct. In determining the number of ballots, the commissioner shall take into consideration the number of active and inactive registered voters in the precinct, the number of people who voted in the precinct in previous similar elections, the number of contested and uncontested races on the ballot, public measures appearing on the ballot, and the local political conditions that may affect participation in the election.

EXPLANATION

This bill eliminates the mathematical formula for calculating the number of ballots to be delivered to polling places for primary and general elections and instead allows the county commissioner of elections to make the decision based upon voter registration figures, previous turnout, the content of the ballot, and other local political conditions.