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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring a voter registrant to include the last four
2 numerals of the registrant's social security number on voter
3 registration forms.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 48A.11, subsection 1, paragraph e, Code
2 2001, is amended to read as follows:

3 e. ~~Social~~ The last four numerals of the social security
4 number of the registrant (~~optional~~ mandatory to provide).

5 EXPLANATION

6 This bill requires a person registering to vote to include
7 the last four numerals of the registrant's social security
8 number on the registration form. Currently, the registrant is
9 given the option of including the registrant's entire social
10 security number on the registration form.

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MEMO

To: Members of the General Assembly
From: Secretary of State Chet Culver
Date: November 20, 2001
Re: Election Law – Mandating Social Security Numbers

Iowa's voter registration forms currently make it an optional choice whether to include one's social security number when completing the form. This bill would mandate that the last four digits of the registrant's social security number be included on the voter registration form, giving the state and county commissioners a unique identifier when purging felons, deceased and others from the voter registration rolls.

Memorandum # 8

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SENATE FILE 2296
BY COMMITTEE ON STATE
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3037)

Passed Senate, Date ^(p. 614) 3-13-02 Passed House, Date _____
Vote: Ayes 25 Nays 21 Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____
Approved _____

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to voter registration forms, registered voter
2 identification numbers, and voter registration lists.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

SF 2296

SENATE FILE 2296

H-8311

- 1 Amend Senate File 2296, as passed by the Senate, as
- 2 follows:
- 3 1. Page 1, by striking lines 6 through 23.
- 4 2. By striking page 2, line 34 through page 3,
- 5 line 23.
- 6 3. Title page, lines 1 and 2, by striking the
- 7 words ", registered voter identification numbers,".
- 8 4. By renumbering as necessary.

By REYNOLDS of Van Buren

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1 Section 1. Section 48A.11, subsection 1, Code 2001, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph after paragraph
3 e:

4 NEW PARAGRAPH. ee. The last four numerals of the social
5 security number of the registrant (mandatory to provide).

6 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 48A.11A REGISTRATION IDENTIFICATION
7 NUMBER.

8 Each person registered to vote in this state shall be
9 assigned a registration identification number which shall be a
10 twelve-digit number comprised of the month, day, and year of
11 the registrant's date of birth and the last four numerals of
12 the registrant's social security number.

13 Sec. 3. Section 48A.26, subsection 2, Code 2001, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 2. If the registration form appears on its face to be
16 complete and proper, the acknowledgment shall state that the
17 registrant is now a registered voter of the county. The
18 acknowledgement shall contain the registrant's registration
19 identification number. The acknowledgment shall also specify
20 the name of the precinct and the usual polling place for the
21 precinct in which the person is now registered. The
22 acknowledgment may include the political party affiliation
23 most recently recorded by the registrant.

24 Sec. 4. Section 48A.30, subsection 1, paragraphs d and e,
25 Code 2001, are amended to read as follows:

26 d. The clerk of the district court, or the United States
27 attorney, or the state registrar sends notice of the
28 registered voter's conviction of a felony as defined in
29 section 701.7, or conviction of an offense classified as a
30 felony under federal law. The clerk of the district court
31 shall monthly send notice a list of a felony conviction
32 convictions during the preceding calendar month to the state
33 registrar of voters. The registrar shall determine in which
34 county the each listed felon is registered to vote, if any,
35 and shall notify the county commissioner of registration for

1 that county of the felony conviction.

2 e. The clerk of the district court or the state registrar
3 sends notice that the registered voter has been declared a
4 person who is mentally incompetent to vote under state law.

5 The clerk of the district court shall monthly send a list of
6 such declarations adjudicated in the previous calendar month
7 to the state registrar of voters. The registrar shall
8 determine in which county each listed person is registered to
9 vote, if any, and shall notify the county commissioner of
10 registration for that county of the declaration.

11 Sec. 5. Section 48A.31, Code 2001, is amended to read as
12 follows:

13 48A.31 DECEASED PERSONS RECORD.

14 The state registrar of vital statistics shall transmit or
15 cause to be transmitted to the state registrar of voters, once
16 each calendar-quarter month, a certified list of all persons
17 seventeen and one-half years of age and older in the state
18 whose deaths have been reported to the records and statistics
19 division of the Iowa department of public health since the
20 previous list of decedents was certified to the state
21 registrar of voters. The list shall be submitted according to
22 the specifications of the state registrar of voters, who shall
23 determine whether each listed decedent was registered to vote
24 in this state. If the decedent was registered in a county
25 which uses its own data processing facilities for voter
26 registration recordkeeping, the registrar shall notify the
27 commissioner in that county who shall cancel the decedent's
28 registration. If the decedent was registered in a county for
29 which voter registration recordkeeping is performed under
30 contract by the registrar, the registrar shall immediately
31 cancel the registration and notify the commissioner of the
32 county in which the decedent was registered to vote of the
33 cancellation.

34 Sec. 6. Section 48A.38, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
35 2001, is amended to read as follows:

1 a. The registrar shall prepare each list requested within
2 fourteen days of receipt of the request, except that the
3 registrar shall not be required to prepare any list within
4 ~~seven~~ six days of the ~~close-of-registration~~ election for any
5 regularly scheduled election if the preparation of the list
6 would impede the preparation of election registers for that
7 election. On the seventh day before each regularly scheduled
8 election, the state registrar of voters shall make available
9 for public inspection the most recently updated list of
10 registered voters. The list shall contain the name, address,
11 and registration identification number of each registrant in
12 the state. It is the intent of the general assembly that the
13 list be made available in an electronic format.

14 Sec. 7. Section 48A.38, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code
15 2001, is amended to read as follows:

16 b. Each list shall be as current as possible, but shall in
17 all cases reflect voter activity reported to any commissioner
18 ~~twenty-eight-or-more~~ at least seven days before preparation of
19 the list. The state registrar shall certify that the
20 registered voters on the list are citizens of the United
21 States and that the list has been updated to remove names
22 because of death, felony conviction, adjudication of
23 incompetency, or duplicate registrations.

24 EXPLANATION

25 This bill makes a number of changes to the voter
26 registration law.

27 The bill requires that each person registering to vote
28 supply the last four numerals of their social security number
29 on the registration form. The bill requires that a
30 registration identification number be assigned to each
31 registrant. The identification number is to be a 12-digit
32 number comprised of the month, day, and year of the
33 registrant's date of birth and the last four numerals of the
34 registrant's social security number.

35 The bill repeats in the voter registration Code chapter the

1 requirement found elsewhere in the Code that the clerk of
2 district court monthly send a list of the persons convicted of
3 a felony or declared mentally incompetent to vote in the
4 preceding calendar month. The bill also changes the time
5 period in which the state registrar of vital statistics is
6 required to send a list of deceased persons to the state
7 registrar of voters from each calendar quarter to monthly.

8 The bill provides that the state registrar of voters shall
9 not be required to prepare a requested list of registered
10 voters within six days of any regularly scheduled election,
11 rather than within seven days of the close of registration.
12 Each list prepared by the registrar is required to reflect
13 voter activity occurring at least seven days before
14 preparation of the list, rather than 28 days before
15 preparation of the list. The bill requires the state
16 registrar of voters, on the seventh day before each regularly
17 scheduled election to make an updated list of registered
18 voters available for public inspection. The list is required
19 to contain the name, address, and registration identification
20 number of each registrant. The bill provides that the general
21 assembly intends for the list to be made available in an
22 electronic format. The bill also requires the state registrar
23 to certify that registered voters on the list are citizens of
24 the United States and that the list has been updated to remove
25 the names of persons because of death, felony conviction,
26 adjudication of incompetency, or duplicate registrations.

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Fiscal Note

SF 2296 - Voter Registration (LSB 5309 SV)

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Fiscal Note Version - New

Requested by Representative Rebecca Reynolds

Description

Senate File 2296 makes a number of changes to the voter registration laws.

The Bill requires that each person registering to vote supply the last four numerals of their social security number on the registration form. The Bill requires a registration identification number be assigned to each registrant. The identification number is to be a 12-digit number comprised of the month, day, and year of the registrant's date of birth and the last four numerals of the registrant's social security number.

The Bill requires the State registrar of voters, on the seventh day before each regularly scheduled election to make an updated list of registered voters available for public inspection. The State registrar of voters' registered voter list is required to contain the name, address, and registration identification number of each registrant. The Bill provides that the General Assembly intends for the list to be made available in an electronic format.

Assumptions

1. Programming changes will have to be made to add the voter identification numbers to the State voter registration system and the systems of the 32 counties that do not have a contract with the Office of the Secretary of State.
2. All voter registration records do not currently contain the registered voter's social security number.
3. Approximately 2.0 million voter registration records would be modified to include the identification number.
4. Voter registration forms and acknowledgment cards would need to be modified to include the identification number and printed.

Fiscal Impact

Senate File 2296 would increase General Fund expenditures by approximately \$100,000 and 2.0 FTE positions in FY 2002 and \$50,000 and 2.0 FTE positions in each subsequent fiscal years.

The fiscal impact of SF 2296 on local government cannot be determined due to insufficient information.

Sources

Office of the Secretary of State
Polk County

/s/ Dennis C Prouty

April 3, 2002

The fiscal note and correctional impact statement for this bill was prepared pursuant to Joint Rule 17 and pursuant to Section 2.56, Code of Iowa. Data used in developing this fiscal note and correctional impact statement are available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.
