

Senate Study Bill 1195

Bill Text

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1 1 Section 1. Section [48A.11](#), subsection 1, paragraph e, Code
1 2 2001, is amended to read as follows:
1 3 e. Social security number of the registrant

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~~provide)~~

~~- and a statement informing the registrant that~~

1 5 ~~disclosure of the registrant's social security number is~~
1 6 ~~mandatory and that the registrant's social security number~~
1 7 ~~will not be disclosed to anyone but an election official for~~
1 8 ~~authorized purposes.~~

1 9 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 48A.11A REGISTRATION IDENTIFICATION
1 10 NUMBER.

1 11 Each person registered to vote in this state shall be
1 12 assigned a registration identification number which shall be a
1 13 unique identifier correlated with the registrant's social
1 14 security number. The state voter registration commission
1 15 shall prescribe by rule the numbering system to be used by
1 16 each county in assigning registration identification numbers.

1 17 Sec. 3. Section [48A.26](#), subsection 2, Code 2001, is
1 18 amended to read as follows:.

1 19 2. If the registration form appears on its face to be
1 20 complete and proper, the acknowledgment shall state that the
1 21 registrant is now a registered voter of the county. The
1 22 acknowledgment shall contain the registrant's registration
1 23 identification number. The acknowledgment shall also specify
1 24 the name of the precinct and the usual polling place for the
1 25 precinct in which the person is now registered. The
1 26 acknowledgment may include the political party affiliation
1 27 most recently recorded by the registrant.

1 28 Sec. 4. Section [48A.30](#), subsection 1, paragraph d, Code
1 29 2001, is amended to read as follows:

1 30 d. The clerk of the district court, or the United States
1 31 attorney, or the state registrar sends notice of the
1 32 registered voter's conviction of a felony as defined in
1 33 section 701.7, or conviction of an offense classified as a
1 34 felony under federal law. The clerk of the district court
1 35 shall monthly send

~~notice~~

~~- a list of~~

~~- a~~

~~- felony~~

~~conviction~~

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2 1 convictions during the preceding calendar month to the state
2 2 registrar of voters. The registrar shall determine in which
2 3 county the felon is registered to vote, if any, and shall
2 4 notify the county commissioner of registration for that county
2 5 of the felony conviction.

2 6 Sec. 5. Section [48A.30](#), subsection 1, paragraph e, Code

2 7 2001, is amended to read as follows:

2 8 e. The clerk of the district court or the state registrar
2 9 sends notice that the registered voter has been declared a
2 10 person who is mentally incompetent to vote under state law.
2 11 The clerk of the district court shall monthly send a list of
2 12 such declarations adjudicated in the previous calendar month
2 13 to the state registrar of voters. The registrar shall
2 14 determine in which county the person is registered to vote, if
2 15 any, and shall notify the county commissioner of registration
2 16 for that county of the declaration.

2 17 Sec. 6. Section [48A.31](#), Code 2001, is amended to read as
2 18 follows:

2 19 48A.31 DECEASED PERSONS RECORD.

2 20 The state registrar of vital statistics shall transmit or
2 21 cause to be transmitted to the state registrar of voters, once
2 22 each

~~calendar quarter~~

- ~~month~~, a certified list of all persons

2 23 seventeen and one-half years of age and older in the state
2 24 whose deaths have been reported to the records and statistics
2 25 division of the Iowa department of public health since the
2 26 previous list of decedents was certified to the state
2 27 registrar of voters. The list shall be submitted according to
2 28 the specifications of the state registrar of voters, who shall
2 29 determine whether each listed decedent was registered to vote
2 30 in this state. If the decedent was registered in a county
2 31 which uses its own data processing facilities for voter
2 32 registration recordkeeping, the registrar shall notify the
2 33 commissioner in that county who shall cancel the decedent's
2 34 registration. If the decedent was registered in a county for
2 35 which voter registration recordkeeping is performed under
3 1 contract by the registrar, the registrar shall immediately
3 2 cancel the registration and notify the commissioner of the
3 3 county in which the decedent was registered to vote of the
3 4 cancellation.

3 5 Sec. 7. Section [48A.34](#), Code 2001, is amended to read as
3 6 follows:

3 7 48A.34 CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN RECORDS.

3 8 Voter registration records are available for public
3 9 inspection at reasonable times at the office of the county
3 10 commissioner. The commissioner and any voter registration
3 11 agency which has custody of voter registration records shall
3 12 take the necessary steps to ensure that the social security
3 13 number of the registrant and the name of the agency at which
3 14 the voter registration form was submitted remains
3 15 confidential.

3 16 Sec. 8. Section [48A.38](#), subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
3 17 2001, is amended to read as follows:

3 18 a. The registrar shall prepare each list requested within
3 19 fourteen days of receipt of the request, except that the
3 20 registrar shall not be required to prepare any list within
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~~seven~~

- ~~six~~ days of the

~~close of registration~~

- ~~election~~ for any

3 22 regularly scheduled election if the preparation of the list
3 23 would impede the preparation of election registers for that
3 24 election. On the seventh day before each regularly scheduled
3 25 election, the state registrar of voters shall make available
3 26 for public inspection the most recently updated list of
3 27 registered voters. The list shall contain the name, address,
3 28 and registration identification number of each registrant in
3 29 the state.

3 30 Sec. 9. Section [48A.38](#), subsection 1, paragraph b, Code
3 31 2001, is amended to read as follows:
3 32 b. Each list shall be as current as possible, but shall in
3 33 all cases reflect voter activity reported to any commissioner
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~~twenty eight or more~~
- at least seven days before preparation of
3 35 the list.

4 1 Sec. 10. Section [48A.38](#), subsection 1, Code 2001, is
4 2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:
4 3 NEW PARAGRAPH. f. The county commissioner of registration
4 4 and the state registrar of voters shall remove a voter's
4 5 social security number from a voter registration list prepared
4 6 pursuant to this section. However, the list may contain the
4 7 registration identification number assigned to a voter, if
4 8 requested.

4 9 EXPLANATION

4 10 This bill makes a number of changes to the voter
4 11 registration law.

4 12 The bill requires that each person registering to vote
4 13 supply their social security number on the registration form.
4 14 The form is to include a statement informing the registrant
4 15 that the registrant's social security number will not be
4 16 disclosed except to election officials for authorized
4 17 purposes. The bill requires that a registration
4 18 identification number be assigned to each registrant. The
4 19 identification number is to correlate with the registrant's
4 20 social security number. The bill requires the state voter
4 21 registration system to prescribe by rule the numbering system
4 22 to be used by counties in assigning registration
4 23 identification numbers.

4 24 The bill repeats in the voter registration Code chapter the
4 25 requirement found elsewhere in the Code that the clerk of
4 26 district court monthly send a list of the persons convicted of
4 27 a felony or declared mentally incompetent to vote in the
4 28 preceding calendar month. The bill also changes the time
4 29 period in which the state registrar of vital statistics is
4 30 required to send a list of deceased persons to the state
4 31 registrar of voters from each calendar quarter to monthly.

4 32 The bill provides that the state registrar of voters shall
4 33 not be required to prepare a requested list of registered
4 34 voters within six days of any regularly scheduled election,
4 35 rather than within seven days of the close of registration.
5 1 Each list prepared by the registrar is required to reflect
5 2 voter activity at least seven days before preparation of the
5 3 list, rather than 28 days before preparation of the list. The
5 4 bill requires the state registrar of voters, on the seventh
5 5 day before each regularly scheduled election to make an
5 6 updated list of registered voters available for public
5 7 inspection. The list is required to contain the name,
5 8 address, and registration identification number of each
5 9 registrant.

5 10 Finally, the bill provides that the county commissioner of
5 11 elections and voter registration agencies are to ensure that
5 12 social security numbers of registrants are to remain
5 13 confidential. Any list prepared for persons other than
5 14 election officials for authorized purposes shall not contain
5 15 the social security number of the registrant, but may contain
5 16 the registration identification number assigned the voter.