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STATE GOVERNMENT

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BY GASKILL

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to ongoing absentee voter status.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 53.3 ONGOING ABSENTEE VOTER.

2 A registered voter applying for an absentee ballot under
3 section 53.2 using the state commissioner's prescribed form
4 for absentee ballot applications may request to receive an
5 absentee ballot for each subsequent election in which that
6 person is eligible to vote, and qualifies under section 53.1.
7 The state commissioner shall provide on the prescribed form a
8 check box for this purpose. For each subsequent election, the
9 commissioner shall automatically mail an absentee ballot to
10 the requesting voter, or automatically deliver an absentee
11 ballot to a confined person pursuant to section 53.22. A
12 voter's status as an ongoing absentee voter shall be
13 terminated upon the request of the voter or by the
14 commissioner if the voter fails to qualify under section 53.1
15 or if the voter fails to vote in a subsequent election.

16 EXPLANATION

17 This bill allows an absentee voter to receive absentee
18 ballots for all subsequent elections without having to reapply
19 before each election. A person's status as an ongoing
20 absentee voter can be terminated by that person or by the
21 county commissioner of elections if the person fails to
22 qualify as an absentee voter or if the voter fails to vote in
23 a subsequent election.

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