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STATE GOVERNMENT

HOUSE FILE 2095
BY STEVENS

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act allowing voting under certain circumstances at the
2 commissioner's office on election day and providing an
3 effective date.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 47.1, unnumbered paragraph 4, Code
2 Supplement 2003, is amended to read as follows:

3 The state commissioner shall adopt rules describing the
4 emergency powers and the situations in which the powers will
5 be exercised. In addition to other procedures developed by
6 the state commissioner in the exercise of the state
7 commissioner's emergency powers, if the opening of a polling
8 place is delayed because of inclement weather, and the county
9 commissioner's office is open and adequately staffed, the
10 county commissioner may designate the county commissioner's
11 office as the polling place for those voters whose polling
12 place has not opened until such time as the polling place is
13 opened. A notice shall be posted on the door of the polling
14 place informing voters that the opening of the polling place
15 has been delayed and that voters may vote at the county
16 commissioner's office until further notice. The county
17 commissioner is not required to obtain prior approval from the
18 state commissioner before allowing such voters to vote at the
19 county commissioner's office on election day.

20 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
21 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

22 EXPLANATION

23 This bill allows the county commissioner of elections to
24 designate the commissioner's office as the polling place on
25 election day for those voters whose polling place has not
26 opened at the scheduled time because of inclement weather.
27 The bill requires the commissioner to post a notice on the
28 door of the polling place informing voters that they may vote
29 at the commissioner's office. The bill also provides that the
30 commissioner is not required to get approval from the state
31 commissioner before allowing such voting at the commissioner's
32 office.

33 The bill takes effect upon enactment

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