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STATE GOVERNMENT

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act allowing a county commissioner of elections to appoint
2 certain high school students to serve as precinct election
3 board members.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 49.13, Code 2003, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 5. The commissioner may appoint high
4 school students who are not yet qualified to be registered
5 voters to serve as precinct election board members.

6 a. To qualify to serve as a precinct election board
7 member, a high school student shall:

8 (1) Be a United States citizen.

9 (2) Be a junior or senior in good standing enrolled in a
10 public or private secondary school in Iowa.

11 (3) Have a cumulative grade point average equivalent to at
12 least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

13 (4) At the time of appointment, have the written approval
14 of the principal of the secondary school the student attends.

15 (5) Have the written approval of the student's parent or
16 legal guardian.

17 (6) Have satisfactorily completed the training course for
18 election officials.

19 (7) Meet all other qualifications for appointment and
20 service as an election board member except the requirement of
21 being a registered voter.

22 b. No more than one student precinct election board member
23 may serve on each precinct election board.

24 c. Student precinct election board members shall not serve
25 as the chairperson of a precinct election board.

26 d. Before serving at a partisan election, the student
27 election precinct board member must certify in writing to the
28 commissioner the political party with which the student is
29 affiliated.

30 e. Student precinct election board members shall not be
31 counted as absent from school on the day they serve as
32 election officials.

33 f. Student precinct election board members shall not be
34 allowed to work more hours than allowed under the applicable
35 labor laws.

1 Sec. 2. Section 49.15, Code 2003, is amended by adding the
2 following new unnumbered paragraph:

3 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. In drawing up precinct election
4 board panels, the commissioner may use student precinct
5 election board members appointed pursuant to section 49.13,
6 subsection 5.

7 EXPLANATION

8 This bill amends Code sections 49.13 and 49.15 to allow
9 high school juniors and seniors who are not yet qualified to
10 be registered voters to be appointed as precinct election
11 board members, but not board chairpersons, if they meet
12 certain statutory requirements.

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