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HOUSE FILE 35

STATE GOVERNMENT

BY JACOBS

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to activities of the secretary of state relating
2 to student political awareness.

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

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 47.9 STUDENT POLITICAL AWARENESS
2 -- SECRETARY'S DUTIES.

3 1. The secretary of state, in the secretary's capacity as
4 state commissioner of elections and state registrar of voters,
5 may sponsor, create, support, or promote student political
6 awareness. When participating in activities of, or making
7 presentations to, any student political awareness club,
8 association, or organization, the secretary of state shall do
9 all of the following:

10 a. When scheduled to speak at a school function, notify
11 political parties at least two weeks before the date of the
12 function.

13 b. When participating in activities or making a
14 presentation related to political awareness at a school
15 function, offer political parties an opportunity to
16 participate or make presentations related to political
17 awareness.

18 c. When planning to distribute information about, or
19 promote, a student political awareness club, association, or
20 organization, by mail or other means, notify political parties
21 of such plans.

22 d. When distributing information about, or promoting, a
23 student political awareness club, association, or
24 organization, include an equal amount of information from all
25 political parties.

26 2. For purposes of this section:

27 a. "Political party" means as defined in section 43.2.

28 b. "School" means a public or nonpublic institution
29 providing primary or secondary education.

30 EXPLANATION

31 This bill allows the secretary of state, in the secretary's
32 capacity as state commissioner of elections and state
33 registrar of voters, to sponsor, create, support, or promote
34 student political awareness. The bill requires the secretary
35 of state to notify political parties when the secretary is

1 scheduled to speak at a school function. The secretary is
2 further required to offer political parties an opportunity to
3 participate or make presentations at a school function at
4 which the secretary is participating or making a presentation
5 related to political awareness. The bill also requires the
6 secretary of state to notify political parties when the
7 secretary plans to distribute information about, or promote, a
8 student political awareness club, association, or organization
9 and requires that the information or promotion include an
10 equal amount of information from all political parties.

11 The bill defines "political party" and "school".

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