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STATE GOVERNMENT

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(COMPANION TO S.F. 29)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the age at which an elector is eligible to
2 register to vote and to vote in a school district election.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 48A.5, subsection 2, paragraph c, Code
2 2003, is amended to read as follows:

3 c. Be at least eighteen years of age. However, for
4 purposes of voting in a school district election, an eligible
5 elector shall be at least seventeen years of age. Completed
6 registration forms shall be accepted from registrants who are
7 at least seventeen ~~and-a-half~~ years of age, ~~however, the~~. For
8 all elections except school district elections, the
9 registration shall not be effective until the registrant
10 reaches the age of eighteen.

11 Sec. 2. Section 48A.26, subsection 7, Code 2003, is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 7. When a person who is at least seventeen ~~and-one-half~~
14 years of age but less than eighteen years of age registers to
15 vote, the commissioner shall maintain a record of the
16 registration so as to clearly indicate that it will not take
17 effect until the registrant's eighteenth birthday and that the
18 person is registered and qualifies to vote at any election
19 held on or after that date. However, for purposes of voting
20 in a school district election, the registration shall take
21 effect immediately.

22 Sec. 3. Section 49.81, subsection 4, unnumbered paragraph
23 2, Code 2003, is amended to read as follows:

24 I believe I am a registered voter of this precinct. I
25 registered to vote in county on or about at
26 My name at that time was I have not moved to a
27 different county since that time. I am a United States
28 citizen, at least eighteen years of age or seventeen years of
29 age in the case of a school district election.

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31 (signature of voter) (date)

32 EXPLANATION

33 This bill allows a person at least 17 years of age to
34 register to vote. The bill also allows an elector who is at
35 least 17 years of age to vote in school district elections.