

House Study Bill 152

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STATE GOVERNMENT BILL
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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:
5 TLSB 1665HC 82
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1 1 Section 1. Section 49.13, Code 2007, is amended by adding
1 2 the following new subsection:
1 3 NEW SUBSECTION. 5. The commissioner may appoint high
1 4 school students who are not yet qualified to be registered
1 5 voters to serve as precinct election board members.
1 6 a. To qualify to serve as a precinct election board
1 7 member, a high school student shall:
1 8 (1) Be a United States citizen.
1 9 (2) Be a junior or senior in good standing enrolled in a
1 10 public or private secondary school in Iowa.
1 11 (3) Have a cumulative grade point average equivalent to at
1 12 least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.
1 13 (4) At the time of appointment, have the written approval
1 14 of the principal of the secondary school the student attends.
1 15 (5) Have the written approval of the student's parent or
1 16 legal guardian.
1 17 (6) Have satisfactorily completed the training course for
1 18 election officials.
1 19 (7) Meet all other qualifications for appointment and
1 20 service as an election board member except the requirement of
1 21 being a registered voter.
1 22 b. No more than one student precinct election board member
1 23 may serve on each precinct election board.
1 24 c. Student precinct election board members shall not serve
1 25 as the chairperson of a precinct election board.
1 26 d. Before serving at a partisan election, the student
1 27 election precinct board member must certify in writing to the
1 28 commissioner the political party with which the student is
1 29 affiliated.
1 30 e. Student precinct election board members shall not be
1 31 counted as absent from school on the day they serve as
1 32 election officials.
1 33 f. Student precinct election board members shall not be
1 34 allowed to work more hours than allowed under the applicable
1 35 labor laws.

2 1 Sec. 2. Section 49.15, Code 2007, is amended by adding the
2 2 following new unnumbered paragraph:
2 3 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. In drawing up precinct election
2 4 board panels, the commissioner may use student precinct
2 5 election board members appointed pursuant to section 49.13,
2 6 subsection 5.

EXPLANATION

2 8 This bill amends Code sections 49.13 and 49.15 to allow
2 9 high school juniors and seniors who are not yet qualified to
2 10 be registered voters to be appointed as precinct election
2 11 board members, but not board chairpersons, if they meet
2 12 certain statutory requirements.
2 13 LSB 1665HC 82
2 14 sc:nh/sh/8