

Senate File 15

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act modifying the closing hours of the polls at all elections.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
3 TLSB 1143XS 82
4 sc/gg/14

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1 1 Section 1. Section 49.73, subsection 2, Code 2007, is
1 2 amended to read as follows:
1 3 2. The commissioner shall not shorten voting hours for any
1 4 election if there is filed in the commissioner's office, at
1 5 least twenty-five days before the election, a petition signed
1 6 by at least fifty eligible electors of the school district or
1 7 city, as the case may be, requesting that the polls be opened
1 8 not later than seven o'clock a.m. All polling places where
1 9 the candidates of or any public question submitted by any one
1 10 political subdivision are being voted upon shall be opened at
1 11 the same hour, except that this requirement shall not apply to
1 12 merged areas established under chapter 260C. The hours at
1 13 which the respective precinct polling places are to open shall
1 14 not be changed after publication of the notice required by
1 15 section 49.53. The polling places shall be closed at ~~nine~~
~~1 16 o'clock seven p.m. for state primary and general elections and~~
~~1 17 other partisan elections, and for any other election held~~
~~1 18 concurrently therewith, and at eight o'clock p.m. for all~~
1 19 other elections.

EXPLANATION

1 20
1 21 This bill changes the time for closing precinct polling
1 22 places from 9 p.m. to 7 p.m. for all elections.
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