

Senate Study Bill 1257

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STATE GOVERNMENT BILL BY
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to requirements for persons seeking election to
2 township office.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 1853SC 82
5 sc/es/88

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1 1 Section 1. Section 39.22, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code
1 2 2007, is amended to read as follows:
1 3 a. TOWNSHIP OFFICERS. The election of township officers
1 4 shall take place at the general election on ballots which
1 5 shall not reflect a nominee's political affiliation.
1 6 ~~Nomination shall be made by petition in accordance with~~
~~1 7 chapter 45. The petition form shall be furnished by the~~
~~1 8 county commissioner of elections and A person seeking election~~
~~1 9 as township officer shall be filed file an affidavit of~~
~~1 10 candidacy with the county commissioner of elections pursuant~~
~~1 11 to section 45.3. A plurality is sufficient to elect the~~
1 12 township officers.
1 13 Sec. 2. Section 45.1, subsection 10, Code 2007, is amended
1 14 by striking the subsection.
1 15 Sec. 3. Section 49.41, Code 2007, is amended by adding the
1 16 following new unnumbered paragraph:
1 17 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. For purposes of township office,
1 18 "nomination papers" as used in this section means the
1 19 affidavit of candidacy required in section 45.3.
1 20 EXPLANATION
1 21 This bill strikes the requirement that a person seeking
1 22 election to township office must file a nomination petition
1 23 containing at least 10 signatures and requires only that the
1 24 person file an affidavit of candidacy.
1 25 LSB 1853SC 82
1 26 sc:nh/es/88.1