

House File 348 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to canceling the voter registration of deceased
2 persons.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 1946HH 83
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1 1 Section 1. Section 48A.31, Code 2009, is amended to read
1 2 as follows:
1 3 48A.31 DECEASED PERSONS RECORD.
1 4 The state registrar of vital statistics shall transmit or
1 5 cause to be transmitted to the state registrar of voters, ~~once~~
~~1 6 each calendar quarter,~~ a certified list of all persons
1 7 seventeen and one-half years of age and older in the state
1 8 whose deaths have been reported to the bureau of vital records
1 9 of the Iowa department of public health since the previous
1 10 list of decedents was certified to the state registrar of
1 11 voters. The certified list shall be transmitted monthly,
1 12 except that in April, May, September, and October of the
1 13 even-numbered year the certified list shall be transmitted
1 14 weekly. The list shall be submitted according to the
1 15 specifications of the state registrar of voters, who shall
1 16 determine whether each listed decedent was registered to vote
1 17 in this state. If the decedent was registered in a county
1 18 which uses its own data processing facilities for voter
1 19 registration recordkeeping, the registrar shall immediately
1 20 notify the commissioner in that county who shall cancel the
1 21 decedent's registration. If the decedent was registered in a
1 22 county for which voter registration recordkeeping is performed
1 23 under contract by the registrar, the registrar shall
1 24 immediately cancel the registration and notify the
1 25 commissioner of the county in which the decedent was
1 26 registered to vote of the cancellation.

EXPLANATION

1 28 This bill requires the state registrar of vital statistics
1 29 to transmit a list of deceased persons to the state registrar
1 30 of voters on a monthly basis, rather than the quarterly basis
1 31 currently required. The bill also provides that in the two
1 32 months leading up to the primary election and the general
1 33 election, the list shall be transmitted weekly.
1 34 LSB 1946HH 83
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