

**House File 316 - Introduced**

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BY COWNIE

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to a voter's designee for purposes of returning  
2 absentee ballots.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 53.17, Code 2011, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 5. The person designated by a voter to  
4 return a completed absentee ballot may be any person the voter  
5 chooses, except that a candidate whose name is on the ballot or  
6 an elected official shall not serve as a voter's designee or  
7 otherwise return a ballot under this section.

8 EXPLANATION

9 Current law provides that an absentee voter may designate  
10 a person to return the voter's absentee ballot. This bill  
11 provides that a candidate whose name is on the ballot or an  
12 elected official shall not serve as a voter's designated  
13 person.