House Study Bill 168 - Introduced

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the solicitation, delivery, and return of
2   absentee ballot applications.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. **53.4 Solicitation, delivery, and**
2 **return of absentee ballot applications —— prohibitions.**
3 1. A person acting as an actual or implied agent for a
4 candidate or committee, as defined by chapter 68A, or for
5 a political party or nonparty political organization is
6 prohibited from soliciting or delivering an application for
7 an absentee ballot or collecting for return or returning an
8 application for an absentee ballot.
9 2. A candidate or committee, as defined by chapter 68A,
10 or a political party or nonparty political organization
11 is prohibited from providing financial compensation or
12 reimbursement to employees or volunteers for soliciting or
13 delivering an application for an absentee ballot or collecting
14 for return or returning an application for an absentee ballot.
15 Sec. 2. REPEAL. Section 53.3, Code 2011, is repealed.
16 EXPLANATION
17 This bill prohibits an agent of a candidate or committee, as
18 defined under the state campaign finance law, or of a political
19 party or nonparty political organization from soliciting,
20 delivering, or returning an application for an absentee ballot.
21 The bill repeals the Code section that allowed an agent of a
22 candidate or committee or of a political party to solicit and
23 collect for return applications for absentee ballots if such
24 persons provided the applicant with a receipt.
25 The bill also prohibits a candidate or committee or a
26 political party or nonparty political organization from
27 providing financial compensation or reimbursement to employees
28 or volunteers for soliciting or delivering an application for
29 an absentee ballot or collecting for return or returning an
30 application for an absentee ballot.