**House File 13 - Introduced**

## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the option of voting straight party at
2    certain elections.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1    Section 1.  Section 49.37, subsection 1, Code 2013, is
2 amended to read as follows:
3    1.  For general elections, and for other elections in which
4 more than one partisan office will be filled, the ~~first section~~
5 ~~of the~~ ballot shall be ~~for straight party voting~~ arranged as
6 provided in this section.
7    ~~*a.*  Each political party or organization which has~~
8 ~~nominated candidates for more than one office shall be listed.~~
9 ~~Instructions to the voter for straight party or organization~~
10 ~~voting shall be in substantially the following form:~~
11    ~~To vote for all candidates from a single party or~~
12 ~~organization, mark the voting target next to the party or~~
13 ~~organization name.  Not all parties or organizations have~~
14 ~~nominated candidates for all offices.  Marking a straight party~~
15 ~~or organization vote does not include votes for nonpartisan~~
16 ~~offices, judges, or questions.~~
17    ~~*b.*  Political parties and nonparty political organizations~~
18 ~~which have nominated candidates for only one office shall~~
19 ~~be listed below the other political organizations under the~~
20 ~~following heading:~~
21    ~~Other Political Organizations.  The following organizations~~
22 ~~have nominated candidates for only one office:~~
23    ~~*c.*~~ 1A.  Offices shall be arranged in groups.  Partisan
24 offices, nonpartisan offices, judges, and public measures shall
25 be separated by a distinct line appearing on the ballot.
26    Sec. 2.  Section 49.57, subsection 2, Code 2013, is amended
27 to read as follows:
28    2.  ~~In the area of the general election ballot for straight~~
29 ~~party voting, the party or organization names shall be printed~~
30 ~~in upper case and lower case letters using a uniform font size~~
31 ~~for each political party or nonparty political organization.~~
32 ~~The font size shall be not less than twelve point type.~~  After
33 the name of each candidate for a partisan office the name of
34 the candidate's political party shall be printed in at least
35 six point type.  ~~The names of political parties and nonparty~~