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A BILL FOR

1 An Act related to the storage of voter registration

2 applications.

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

1 Section 1. Section 48A.35, Code 2014, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **48A.35 Voter registration records under control of the**
4 **commissioner.**

5 1. The county commissioner of elections shall be
6 responsible for the maintenance and storage of all paper and
7 electronic voter registration records in the commissioner's
8 custody. Original registration records shall not be removed
9 from the commissioner's office or from any other designated
10 permanent storage location except upon request of a county
11 commissioner or a court order, as provided in subsection 2,
12 or as provided by section 48A.32. The state registrar of
13 voters and the state voter registration commission shall adopt
14 administrative rules to implement this section.

15 2. The county commissioner of elections may store an
16 unaltered version of completed voter registration applications,
17 including the applicant's signature, as an electronic document,
18 or in another format suitable for preserving information in
19 the registration record, regardless of the format in which the
20 application is submitted.

21 EXPLANATION

22 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
23 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

24 This bill relates to the storage of voter registration
25 applications.

26 Under current law, the county commissioner of elections is
27 responsible for the maintenance and storage of all paper and
28 electronic voter registration records in the commissioner's
29 custody. The bill allows the county commissioner of elections
30 to store completed voter registration applications in the
31 commissioner's custody as an electronic document, or in another
32 format suitable for preserving information in the registration
33 record, regardless of how submitted.