

House Study Bill 117 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
STATE GOVERNMENT BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON VANDER LINDEN)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to absentee voting at the office of the county
2 commissioner of elections.

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

1 Section 1. Section 53.2, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
2 2013, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. Any registered voter, under the circumstances specified
4 in section 53.1, may on any day, except after 12:00 p.m. on the
5 Monday before the election and on election day, and not more
6 than seventy days prior to the date of the election, apply in
7 person for an absentee ballot at the commissioner's office or
8 at any location designated by the commissioner. ~~However, for~~
9 ~~those elections in which the commissioner directs the polls be~~
10 ~~opened at noon pursuant to section 49.73, a voter may apply in~~
11 ~~person for an absentee ballot at the commissioner's office from~~
12 ~~8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. on election day.~~

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EXPLANATION

14 This bill relates to absentee voting at the office of the
15 county commissioner of elections.

16 The bill removes current provisions requiring that a voter
17 be allowed to vote in person at the county commissioner's
18 office from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. on election day for
19 those elections when the commissioner directs the polls to be
20 opened at noon.

21 The bill also provides that a voter is allowed to vote in
22 person at the county commissioner's office until noon on the
23 Monday before an election.