

Senate Study Bill 1146 - Introduced

SENATE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
STATE GOVERNMENT BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON DANIELSON)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring that a completed absentee ballot be received
2 in the commissioner's office before the polls close on
3 election day.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 53.17, subsection 2, Code 2013, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. In order for the ballot to be counted, the return
4 envelope must be received in the commissioner's office before
5 the polls close on election day ~~or be clearly postmarked by an~~
6 ~~officially authorized postal service not later than the day~~
7 ~~before the election and received by the commissioner not later~~
8 ~~than noon on the Monday following the election.~~

9 Sec. 2. Section 53.17, subsection 3, Code 2013, is amended
10 by striking the subsection.

11 Sec. 3. Section 53.22, subsection 5, paragraph b, Code 2013,
12 is amended to read as follows:

13 b. Absentee ballots voted under this subsection shall be
14 delivered to the commissioner ~~no later than the time~~ before the
15 polls are closed on election day. If the ballot is returned
16 by mail the return envelope must be received ~~by the time~~
17 before the polls close, ~~or clearly postmarked by an officially~~
18 ~~authorized postal service not later than the day before the~~
19 ~~election and received by the commissioner no later than the~~
20 ~~time established for the canvass by the board of supervisors~~
21 ~~for that~~ on election day.

22 EXPLANATION

23 This bill requires that an absentee ballot must be received
24 in the commissioner's office before the polls close on election
25 day.