

**House File 2587 - Introduced**

HOUSE FILE 2587  
BY COMMITTEE ON STATE  
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 545)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to voting and the administration of elections,  
2 and including effective date provisions.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

DIVISION I

ADMINISTRATION OF ELECTIONS

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 39.5 Petitions — requirements.

In addition to any other information required by law, a petition relating to any elective office, election, or the administration of elections must include the printed name, signature, address, and phone number of the person responsible for circulating the petition page.

Sec. 2. Section 43.36, Code 2020, is amended to read as follows:

**43.36 Australian ballot.**

The Australian ballot system as now used in this state, except as herein modified, shall be used at said primary election. The endorsement of the precinct election officials and the county auditor's seal shall appear upon the ballots as provided for general elections. The county auditor's seal shall contain the name of the county, the word "county" which may be abbreviated, and the word "Iowa", and the seal may contain the word "auditor" which may be abbreviated, but shall not contain the name of the county auditor or any elected official.

Sec. 3. Section 48A.30, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code 2020, is amended to read as follows:

a. The registered voter dies. For the purposes of this subsection, the commissioner may accept as evidence of death a notice from the state registrar of vital statistics forwarded by the state registrar of voters, a notice from the federal social security administration, a written statement from a person related to the registered voter within the second degree of consanguinity or first degree of affinity, an obituary in a newspaper or that appears on the internet site of a funeral establishment licensed under [chapter 156](#) or by the proper authority of another state, a written statement from an election official or personal representative of the registered voter's estate, or a notice from the county recorder of the

1 county where the registered voter died.

2 Sec. 4. Section 49.31, subsection 2, paragraph c, Code 2020,  
3 is amended to read as follows:

4 c. On the general election ballot the names of candidates  
5 for the nonpartisan offices listed in [section 39.21](#) shall  
6 be arranged by drawing lots for position. The commissioner  
7 shall hold the drawing on the ~~first business day following the~~  
8 ~~deadline for filing of nomination certificates or petitions~~  
9 ~~with the commissioner for the general election pursuant to~~  
10 [section 44.4](#) sixty-eighth day before the general election. If  
11 a candidate withdraws, dies, or is removed from the ballot  
12 after the ballot position of names has been determined, such  
13 candidate's name shall be removed from the ballot, and the  
14 order of the remaining names shall not be changed.

15 Sec. 5. Section 49.51, Code 2020, is amended to read as  
16 follows:

17 **49.51 Commissioner to control printing.**

18 The commissioner shall have charge of the printing of the  
19 ballots to be used for any election held in the county. The  
20 ballot shall include the seal of the county auditor under  
21 whose direction the ballot is printed. The county auditor's  
22 seal shall contain the name of the county, the word "county"  
23 which may be abbreviated, and the word "Iowa", and the seal  
24 may contain the word "auditor" which may be abbreviated, but  
25 shall not contain the name of the county auditor or any elected  
26 official.

27 Sec. 6. Section 49.57, subsection 6, Code 2020, is amended  
28 to read as follows:

29 6. A portion of the ballot shall include the words "Official  
30 ballot", the unique identification number or name assigned by  
31 the commissioner to the ballot style, the date of the election,  
32 and the county auditor's seal of the county of the commissioner  
33 who has caused the ballot to be printed pursuant to section  
34 49.51. The county auditor's seal shall contain the name of  
35 the county, the word "county" which may be abbreviated, and

1 the word "Iowa", and the seal may contain the word "auditor"  
2 which may be abbreviated, but shall not contain the name of the  
3 county auditor or any elected official.

4 Sec. 7. Section 49.75, Code 2020, is amended to read as  
5 follows:

6 **49.75 Oath.**

7 1. Before opening the polls, each of the board members shall  
8 take the following oath:

9 I, A. B., do solemnly swear or affirm that I will  
10 impartially, and to the best of my knowledge and ability,  
11 perform the duties of precinct election official of this  
12 election, and will studiously endeavor to prevent fraud,  
13 deceit, and abuse in conducting the election.

14 I understand that as a precinct election official, I have  
15 access to certain information that is considered confidential  
16 and is protected under Code chapters 22, 48A, and 715C. Due to  
17 this protected status, I agree to only release this information  
18 in accordance with Iowa law.

19 Additionally, I understand that the prohibition on sharing  
20 confidential information extends before and after the hours  
21 that my assigned polling place is open.

22 2. The state commissioner shall provide training on the  
23 handling of confidential information to each board member.

24 Sec. 8. Section 49.78, subsection 4, Code 2020, is amended  
25 to read as follows:

26 4. A person who is registered to vote but is unable  
27 to present a form of identification under **subsection 2** or  
28 3 may establish identity and residency in the precinct by  
29 written oath of a person who is also registered to vote in  
30 the precinct. Before signing an oath under this subsection,  
31 the attesting registered voter shall present to the precinct  
32 election official proof of the voter's identity as provided  
33 in subsection 2 or 3. The attesting registered voter's oath  
34 shall attest to the stated identity of the person wishing to  
35 vote and that the person is a current resident of the precinct.

1 The oath must be signed by the attesting registered voter in  
2 the presence of the appropriate precinct election official.  
3 A registered voter who has signed two oaths on election day  
4 attesting to a person's identity and residency as provided in  
5 this subsection is prohibited from signing any further oaths as  
6 provided in this subsection on that day.

7 Sec. 9. Section 50.51, subsection 5, Code 2020, is amended  
8 to read as follows:

9 5. In advance of any all other election elections, the state  
10 commissioner ~~may~~ shall order an audit of the election in the  
11 manner provided in this section.

12 Sec. 10. Section 53.2, subsection 4, paragraph a,  
13 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2020, is amended to read as  
14 follows:

15 ~~Each application shall contain the following information To~~  
16 request an absentee ballot, a registered voter shall provide:

17 Sec. 11. Section 53.2, subsection 4, paragraph b, Code 2020,  
18 is amended to read as follows:

19 *b.* If insufficient information has been provided, including  
20 the absence of a voter verification number, either on the  
21 prescribed form or on an application created by the applicant,  
22 the commissioner shall, ~~by the best means available, obtain~~  
23 the additional necessary information within twenty-four hours  
24 after the receipt of the absentee ballot request, contact the  
25 applicant by telephone and electronic mail, if such information  
26 has been provided by the applicant. If the commissioner is  
27 unable to contact the applicant by telephone or electronic  
28 mail, the commissioner shall send a notice to the applicant  
29 at the address where the applicant is registered to vote, or  
30 to the applicant's mailing address if it is different from  
31 the residential address. If the applicant has requested the  
32 ballot to be sent to an address that is not the applicant's  
33 residential or mailing address, the commissioner shall send an  
34 additional notice to the address where the applicant requested  
35 the ballot to be sent. A commissioner shall not use the voter

1 registration system to obtain additional necessary information  
2 unless all other means to obtain such information have been  
3 exhausted. A voter requesting or casting a ballot pursuant  
4 to [section 53.22](#) shall not be required to provide a voter  
5 verification number. The state commissioner shall adopt rules  
6 to implement this section.

7 Sec. 12. Section 53.22, subsection 3, Code 2020, is amended  
8 to read as follows:

9 3. Any registered voter who becomes a patient, tenant, or  
10 resident of a hospital, assisted living program, or health care  
11 facility in the county where the voter is registered to vote  
12 ~~within three days prior to the date of any election~~ after the  
13 deadline to make a written application for an absentee ballot  
14 pursuant to section 53.2 or on election day may request an  
15 absentee ballot during that period or on election day. As an  
16 alternative to the application procedure prescribed by section  
17 53.2, the registered voter may make the request directly to  
18 the officers who are delivering and returning absentee ballots  
19 under [this section](#). Alternatively, the request may be made by  
20 telephone to the office of the commissioner not later than four  
21 hours before the close of the polls. If the requester is found  
22 to be a registered voter of that county, these officers shall  
23 deliver the appropriate absentee ballot to the registered voter  
24 in the manner prescribed by [this section](#).

25 Sec. 13. Section 53.22, subsection 6, paragraph a, Code  
26 2020, is amended to read as follows:

27 a. If the registered voter becomes a patient, tenant, or  
28 resident of a hospital, assisted living program, or health  
29 care facility outside the county where the voter is registered  
30 to vote ~~within three days before the date of any election~~  
31 after the deadline to make a written application for an  
32 absentee ballot pursuant to section 53.2 or on election day,  
33 the voter may designate a person to deliver and return the  
34 absentee ballot. The designee may be any person the voter  
35 chooses except that no candidate for any office to be voted

1 upon for the election for which the ballot is requested may  
2 deliver a ballot under [this subsection](#). The request for an  
3 absentee ballot may be made by telephone to the office of the  
4 commissioner not later than four hours before the close of the  
5 polls. If the requester is found to be a registered voter of  
6 that county, the ballot shall be delivered by mail or by the  
7 person designated by the voter. An application form shall be  
8 included with the absentee ballot and shall be signed by the  
9 voter and returned with the ballot.

10 Sec. 14. Section 53.49, Code 2020, is amended to read as  
11 follows:

12 **53.49 Applicable to armed forces and other citizens.**

13 The provisions of [this subchapter](#) as to absent voting shall  
14 apply only to absent voters in the armed forces of the United  
15 States as defined for the purpose of absentee voting in section  
16 53.37. The provisions of sections 53.1 through ~~53.34~~ [53.33](#)  
17 shall apply to all other voters not members of the armed forces  
18 of the United States.

19 Sec. 15. Section 99F.7, subsection 11, paragraph a, Code  
20 2020, is amended to read as follows:

21 a. A license to conduct gambling games in a county shall  
22 be issued only if the county electorate approves the conduct  
23 of the gambling games as provided in [this subsection](#). The  
24 board of supervisors, upon receipt of a valid petition meeting  
25 the requirements of [section 331.306](#), and subject to the  
26 requirements of paragraph "e", shall direct the commissioner of  
27 elections to submit to the registered voters of the county a  
28 proposition to approve or disapprove the conduct of gambling  
29 games in the county. The proposition shall be submitted at an  
30 election held on a date specified in section 39.2, subsection  
31 4, paragraph "a". ~~To be submitted at a general election, the~~  
32 ~~petition must be received by the board of supervisors at least~~  
33 ~~five working days before the last day for candidates for county~~  
34 ~~offices to file nomination papers for the general election~~  
35 ~~pursuant to [section 44.4](#).~~ If a majority of the county voters

1 voting on the proposition favor the conduct of gambling games,  
2 the commission may issue one or more licenses as provided in  
3 this chapter. If a majority of the county voters voting on  
4 the proposition do not favor the conduct of gambling games, a  
5 license to conduct gambling games in the county shall not be  
6 issued.

7 Sec. 16. Section 277.4, subsection 4, Code 2020, is amended  
8 to read as follows:

9 4. Any person on whose behalf nomination petitions have  
10 been filed under this section may withdraw as a candidate by  
11 filing a signed statement to that effect with the secretary at  
12 ~~any time prior to 5:00 p.m. on the thirty-fifth day before the~~  
13 election consistent with section 44.9, subsection 5.

14 Sec. 17. REPEAL. Section 53.34, Code 2020, is repealed.

15 Sec. 18. REPEAL. 2017 Iowa Acts, chapter 155, section 1,  
16 is repealed.

17 DIVISION II

18 PROCEDURES FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE IOWA CONSTITUTION

19 Sec. 19. Section 49.43, subsection 2, Code 2020, is amended  
20 to read as follows:

21 2. Constitutional amendments and other public measures ~~may~~  
22 shall be summarized by the commissioner as provided in sections  
23 49.44 and 52.25.

24 Sec. 20. Section 49.44, subsection 1, Code 2020, is amended  
25 to read as follows:

26 1. When a proposed constitutional amendment or other public  
27 measure to be decided by the voters of the entire state is to  
28 be voted upon, the state commissioner shall prepare a written  
29 summary of the amendment or measure including the number of  
30 the amendment or statewide public measure assigned by the  
31 state commissioner. The summary shall be printed immediately  
32 preceding the text of the proposed amendment or measure on the  
33 paper ballot or optical scan ballot referred to in section  
34 49.43. If the complete text of the proposed amendment or  
35 public measure will not fit on the ballot it shall be posted



1 inside the voting booth. A copy of the full text shall be  
2 included with any absentee ballots.

3 Sec. 21. REPEAL. Sections 49A.10 and 49A.11, Code 2020,  
4 are repealed.

5 DIVISION III

6 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

7 Sec. 22. Section 54.9, Code 2020, is amended to read as  
8 follows:

9 **54.9 Compensation.**

10 The electors shall each receive a compensation of  
11 ~~five dollars~~ one-half of the federal general services  
12 administration's per diem rate for the relevant date and  
13 location for every day's attendance, and the same mileage as  
14 members of the general assembly which shall be paid from funds  
15 not otherwise appropriated from the general fund of the state.

16 Sec. 23. Section 68.9, subsection 1, Code 2020, is amended  
17 to read as follows:

18 1. When an impeachment is presented, the senate shall, ~~after~~  
19 ~~the hour of final adjournment of the legislature~~ as soon as  
20 practicable, be ~~forthwith~~ organized as a court of impeachment  
21 for the trial thereof, at the capitol.

22 Sec. 24. Section 68.14, Code 2020, is amended to read as  
23 follows:

24 **68.14 Compensation — fees — payment.**

25 The presiding officer and members of the senate, while  
26 sitting as a court of impeachment, and the managers elected  
27 by the house of representatives, shall ~~receive the sum of~~  
28 ~~six dollars each per day~~ be compensated the same as for a  
29 special session of the general assembly, but shall receive  
30 no additional compensation during a regular session of the  
31 general assembly, and shall be reimbursed for mileage expense  
32 in going from and returning to their places of residence by the  
33 ordinary traveled routes; the secretary, sergeant at arms, and  
34 all subordinate officers, clerks, and reporters, shall receive  
35 such amount as shall be determined upon by a majority vote of

1 the members of such court. The same fees shall be allowed to  
 2 witnesses, to officers, and to other persons serving process or  
 3 orders, as are allowed for like services in criminal cases, but  
 4 no fees can be demanded in advance. The state treasurer shall,  
 5 upon the presentation of certificates signed by the presiding  
 6 officer and secretary of the senate, pay all of the foregoing  
 7 compensations and the expenses of the senate incurred under the  
 8 provisions of [this chapter](#).

9 DIVISION IV

10 CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS

11 Sec. 25. Section 44.4, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code 2020,  
 12 is amended to read as follows:

13 a. Nominations made pursuant to [this chapter](#) and chapter  
 14 45 which are required to be filed in the office of the state  
 15 commissioner shall be filed in that office not more than  
 16 ninety-nine days nor later than 5:00 p.m. on the eighty-first  
 17 day before the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June  
 18 in each even-numbered year. Nominations made for a special  
 19 election called pursuant to [section 69.14](#) shall be filed by  
 20 5:00 p.m. not less than twenty-five days before the date of an  
 21 election called upon at least forty days' notice and not less  
 22 than fourteen days before the date of an election called upon  
 23 at least eighteen days' notice. Nominations made for a special  
 24 election called pursuant to [section 69.14A](#) shall be filed by  
 25 5:00 p.m. not less than twenty-five days before the date of  
 26 the election. Nominations made pursuant to [this chapter](#) and  
 27 chapter 45 which are required to be filed in the office of  
 28 the commissioner shall be filed in that office not more than  
 29 ninety-two days nor later than 5:00 p.m. on the ~~seventy-fourth~~  
 30 sixty-ninth day before the first Tuesday after the first Monday  
 31 in June in each even-numbered year. Nominations made pursuant  
 32 to [this chapter](#) or [chapter 45](#) for city office shall be filed  
 33 not more than seventy-two days nor later than 5:00 p.m. on the  
 34 forty-seventh day before the city election with the county  
 35 commissioner of elections responsible under [section 47.2](#) for

1 conducting elections held for the city, who shall process them  
2 as provided by law.

3 Sec. 26. Section 44.11, Code 2020, is amended to read as  
4 follows:

5 **44.11 Vacancies filled.**

6 If a candidate named under **this chapter** withdraws before the  
7 deadline established in **section 44.9**, declines a nomination,  
8 or dies before election day, or if a certificate of nomination  
9 is held insufficient or inoperative by the officer with whom  
10 it is required to be filed, or in case any objection made  
11 to a certificate of nomination, or to the eligibility of any  
12 candidate named in the certificate, is sustained by the board  
13 appointed to determine such questions, the vacancy or vacancies  
14 may be filled by the convention, or caucus, or in such manner  
15 as such convention or caucus has previously provided. The  
16 vacancy or vacancies shall be filled not less than seventy-four  
17 days before the election in the case of nominations required to  
18 be filed with the state commissioner, not less than sixty-four  
19 days before the election in the case of nominations required  
20 to be filed with the commissioner, not less than forty-two  
21 days before the election in the case of nominations required  
22 to be filed in the office of the school board secretary, and  
23 not less than forty-two days before the election in the case  
24 of nominations required to be filed with the commissioner for  
25 city elections. When an office shall appear on the general  
26 election ballot as "to fill a vacancy", nominations made  
27 pursuant to this chapter or chapter 45 which are required to  
28 be filed in the office of the state commissioner shall be  
29 filed in that office not later than the deadline specified in  
30 section 43.78, subsection 2. When an office shall appear on  
31 the general election ballot as "to fill a vacancy", nominations  
32 made pursuant to this chapter or chapter 45 which are required  
33 to be filed in the office of the commissioner shall be filed in  
34 that office not later than the deadline specified in section  
35 43.78, subsection 3.

1     Sec. 27. Section 49.53, subsection 1, Code 2020, is amended  
2 to read as follows:

3     1. The commissioner shall not less than four nor more than  
4 twenty days before the day of each election, except those for  
5 which different publication requirements are prescribed by law,  
6 publish notice of the election. The notice shall ~~contain a~~  
7 ~~facsimile of the portion of the ballot containing the first~~  
8 ~~rotation as prescribed by section 49.31, subsection 2, and~~  
9 ~~shall show list~~ the names of all candidates or nominees and the  
10 office each seeks, and all public questions, to be voted upon  
11 at the election. ~~The sample ballot published as a part of the~~  
12 ~~notice may at the discretion of the commissioner be reduced in~~  
13 ~~size relative to the actual ballot but such reduction shall~~  
14 ~~not cause upper case letters appearing in candidates' names or~~  
15 ~~in summaries of public measures on the published sample ballot~~  
16 ~~to be less than nine point type.~~ The notice shall also state  
17 the date of the election, the hours the polls will be open,  
18 that each voter is required to provide identification at the  
19 polling place before the voter can receive and cast a ballot,  
20 the location of each polling place at which voting is to occur  
21 in the election, and the names of the precincts voting at each  
22 polling place, ~~but the statement need not set forth any fact~~  
23 ~~which is apparent from the portion of the ballot appearing as~~  
24 ~~a part of the same notice.~~ The notice shall include the full  
25 text of all public measures to be voted upon at the election.  
26 The notice may contain one or more facsimiles of the portion  
27 of the ballot containing the first rotation as prescribed by  
28 section 49.31, subsection 2.

29     Sec. 28. Section 50.44, Code 2020, is amended to read as  
30 follows:

31     **50.44 Tie vote.**

32     1. If Except as otherwise provided in this section, if more  
33 ~~than the requisite number of persons, including presidential~~  
34 ~~electors,~~ are found to have an equal and the highest number  
35 of votes, the election of one of them shall be determined by

1 lot. The name of each of such candidates shall be written  
2 on separate pieces of paper, as nearly uniform in size and  
3 material as possible, and placed in a receptacle so that  
4 the names cannot be seen. In the presence of the board of  
5 canvassers, one of them shall publicly draw one of such names,  
6 and such person shall be declared elected. The result of such  
7 drawing shall be entered upon the abstract of votes and duly  
8 recorded, and a certificate of election issued to such person,  
9 as provided in [this chapter](#).

10 2. If more than the requisite number of candidates for  
11 United States senator or representative to the United States  
12 house of representatives are found to have an equal and highest  
13 number of votes, a special election shall be held sixty-six  
14 days after the final canvass or recount, whichever is later,  
15 in which each such candidate shall be the only candidates on  
16 the ballot.

17 3. If more than the requisite number of candidates for  
18 a statewide elected office, member of the general assembly,  
19 member of a board of supervisors, or a partisan office to  
20 be filled by a vote of the residents of a whole county, are  
21 found to have an equal and highest number of votes, a special  
22 election shall be held consistent with section 69.14, in which  
23 each such candidate shall be the only candidates on the ballot.

24 4. If more than the requisite number of presidential  
25 electors are found to have an equal and the highest number of  
26 votes, the presidential electors shall be assigned one-half  
27 to each candidate. If there is an odd number of presidential  
28 electors, the remaining elector shall be assigned by lot.

29 Sec. 29. Section 50.48, subsection 3, Code 2020, is amended  
30 by adding the following new paragraph:

31 NEW PARAGRAPH. c. In addition to the persons listed in  
32 paragraph "a", the candidate requesting the recount and the  
33 apparent winning candidate may each submit a request to a  
34 commissioner from a county other than the county conducting the  
35 recount to be present at the recount. Such a commissioner may

1 report any irregularities observed by the commissioner at any  
2 time after the election to the state commissioner.

3 Sec. 30. Section 50.48, subsection 4, paragraph b, Code  
4 2020, is amended to read as follows:

5 b. Any member of the recount board may at any time during  
6 the recount proceedings for an election for a statewide elected  
7 official as defined in section 68B.2, a United States senator,  
8 or United States representative extend the recount of votes  
9 cast for the office or nomination in question to any other  
10 precinct or precincts in the same county, or from which the  
11 returns were reported to the commissioner responsible for  
12 conducting the election, without the necessity of posting  
13 additional bond. The recount proceedings for an election for  
14 any other office shall include all precincts in which a ballot  
15 for the election was cast.

16 Sec. 31. Section 53.2, subsection 4, Code 2020, is amended  
17 by adding the following new paragraph:

18 NEW PARAGRAPH. d. If an applicant does not have current  
19 access to the applicant's voter verification number, the  
20 commissioner shall verify the applicant's identity prior to  
21 supplying the voter verification number by asking the applicant  
22 to provide two of the following facts about the applicant:

23 (1) Date of birth.

24 (2) The last four digits of the applicant's social security  
25 number, if applicable.

26 (3) Residential address.

27 (4) Mailing address.

28 (5) Middle name.

29 Sec. 32. Section 53.10, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code  
30 2020, is amended to read as follows:

31 a. Each person who wishes to vote by absentee ballot at  
32 the commissioner's office shall first sign an application  
33 for a ballot including the following information: name,  
34 current address, voter verification number, and the election  
35 for which the ballot is requested. The person may report a

1 change of address or other information on the person's voter  
2 registration record at that time. Prior to furnishing a  
3 ballot, the commissioner shall verify the person's identity  
4 as provided in section 49.78. The registered voter shall  
5 immediately mark the ballot; enclose the ballot in a secrecy  
6 envelope, if necessary, and seal it in the envelope marked  
7 with the affidavit; subscribe to the affidavit on the reverse  
8 side of the envelope; and return the absentee ballot to the  
9 commissioner. The commissioner shall record the numbers  
10 appearing on the application and affidavit envelope along with  
11 the name of the registered voter.

12 Sec. 33. Section 53.10, subsection 2, Code 2020, is amended  
13 by adding the following new paragraph:

14 NEW PARAGRAPH. *Ob.* If an unregistered person offering  
15 to vote an absentee ballot pursuant to this section prior to  
16 the deadline in section 48A.9 does not have an Iowa driver's  
17 license, an Iowa nonoperator's identification card, or a voter  
18 identification number assigned to the voter by the state  
19 commissioner pursuant to section 47.7, subsection 2, the person  
20 may satisfy identity and residence requirements as provided in  
21 section 49.78. This section shall also apply to a registered  
22 voter casting a ballot pursuant to this section who has not yet  
23 received a voter verification number.

24 Sec. 34. Section 53.18, subsections 2 and 3, Code 2020, are  
25 amended to read as follows:

26 2. a. If the commissioner receives the return envelope  
27 containing the completed absentee ballot by 5:00 p.m. on the  
28 Saturday before the election for general elections and by 5:00  
29 p.m. on the Friday before the election for all other elections,  
30 the commissioner shall review the affidavit marked on the  
31 return envelope, if applicable, for completeness or shall open  
32 the return envelope to review the affidavit for completeness.  
33 ~~If the affidavit is incomplete, the commissioner shall, within~~  
34 ~~twenty-four hours of the time the envelope was received, notify~~  
35 ~~the voter of that fact and that the voter may complete the~~

~~1 affidavit in person at the office of the commissioner by 5:00~~  
~~2 p.m. on the day before the election, vote a replacement ballot~~  
~~3 in the manner and within the time period provided in subsection~~  
~~4 3, or appear at the voter's precinct polling place on election~~  
~~5 day and cast a ballot in accordance with section 53.19,~~  
6 subsection 3. If the affidavit lacks the signature of the  
7 registered voter, the commissioner shall, within twenty-four  
8 hours of the receipt of the envelope, notify the voter of the  
9 deficiency and inform the voter that the voter may vote a  
10 replacement ballot as provided in subsection 3, cast a ballot  
11 as provided in section 53.19, subsection 3, or complete the  
12 affidavit in person at the office of the commissioner not later  
13 than noon on the Monday following the election, or if the law  
14 authorizing the election specifies that the votes be canvassed  
15 earlier than the Monday following the election, before the  
16 canvass of the election.

17 b. If the commissioner receives the return envelope  
18 containing the completed absentee ballot after the deadline  
19 in paragraph "a", the commissioner shall submit the affidavit  
20 to the absentee and special voters precinct board for review.  
21 If the absentee and special voters precinct determines that  
22 the affidavit is incomplete, the commissioner shall, within  
23 twenty-four hours of the determination, notify the voter. If  
24 the affidavit lacks the signature of the registered voter, the  
25 commissioner shall notify the voter that the voter may complete  
26 the affidavit in person at the office of the commissioner  
27 not later than noon on the Monday following the election, or  
28 if the law authorizing the election specifies that the votes  
29 be canvassed earlier than the Monday following the election,  
30 before the canvass of the election.

31 3. If the affidavit envelope or the return envelope marked  
32 with the affidavit contains a defect that would cause the  
33 absentee ballot to be rejected by the absentee and special  
34 voters precinct board, the commissioner shall immediately  
35 notify the voter of that fact and that the voter's absentee



1 ballot shall not be counted unless the voter requests and  
2 returns a replacement ballot in the time permitted under  
3 section 53.17, subsection 2. ~~For the purposes of this section,~~  
4 ~~a return envelope marked with the affidavit shall be considered~~  
5 ~~to contain a defect if it appears to the commissioner that~~  
6 ~~the signature on the envelope has been signed by someone~~  
7 ~~other than the registered voter, in comparing the signature~~  
8 ~~on the envelope to the signature on record of the registered~~  
9 ~~voter named on the envelope. A signature or marking made~~  
10 ~~in accordance with section 39.3, subsection 17, shall not~~  
11 ~~be considered a defect for purposes of this section.~~ The  
12 voter may request a replacement ballot in person, in writing,  
13 or over the telephone. The same serial number that was  
14 assigned to the records of the original absentee ballot  
15 application shall be used on the envelope and records of the  
16 replacement ballot. The envelope marked with the affidavit and  
17 containing the completed replacement ballot shall be marked  
18 "Replacement ballot". The envelope marked with the affidavit  
19 and containing the original ballot shall be marked "Defective"  
20 and the replacement ballot shall be attached to such envelope  
21 containing the original ballot and shall be stored in a secure  
22 place until they are delivered to the absentee and special  
23 voters precinct board, notwithstanding sections 53.26 and  
24 53.27.

25 Sec. 35. Section 53.18, Code 2020, is amended by adding the  
26 following new subsection:

27 NEW SUBSECTION. 04. For the purposes of this section, a  
28 return envelope marked with the affidavit shall be considered  
29 incomplete if the affidavit lacks the registered voter's  
30 signature. A signature or marking made in accordance with  
31 section 39.3, subsection 17, shall not cause an affidavit to be  
32 considered incomplete.

33 Sec. 36. Section 58.1, Code 2020, is amended to read as  
34 follows:

35 **58.1 Notice — grounds.**

1 The contestant for the office of governor shall, within  
2 ~~thirty~~ fourteen days after the proclamation of the result of  
3 the election, deliver to the presiding officer of each house  
4 of the general assembly a notice of intent to contest, and a  
5 specification of the grounds of such contest, as provided in  
6 chapter 62.

7 Sec. 37. Section 58.4, subsections 1 and 2, Code 2020, are  
8 amended to read as follows:

9 1. The names of members of each house, except the presiding  
10 officer and the majority and minority leaders, written on  
11 similar paper tickets, shall be placed in a box, the names of  
12 the senators in their presence by their secretary, and the  
13 names of the representatives in their presence by their clerk.

14 2. The secretary of the senate in the presence of the  
15 senate, and the clerk of the house of representatives in  
16 the presence of the house, shall draw from their respective  
17 boxes the names of ~~seven~~ five members each. The majority and  
18 minority leaders of each house shall also serve on the contest  
19 court.

20 Sec. 38. Section 69.14, Code 2020, is amended to read as  
21 follows:

22 **69.14 Special election to fill vacancies.**

23 1. A special election to fill a vacancy shall be held for a  
24 representative in Congress, when Congress is in session or will  
25 convene prior to the next general election, or for a senator or  
26 representative in the general assembly, when ~~the body in which~~  
27 ~~such vacancy exists is in session, or~~ the general assembly will  
28 convene prior to the next general election, and the governor  
29 shall order, not later than five days from the date the vacancy  
30 exists, a special election, giving not less than forty days'  
31 notice of such election.

32 2. In the event the special election is to fill a vacancy  
33 in the general assembly while it is in session or within  
34 forty-five days of the convening of any session, ~~the time limit~~  
35 ~~provided in this section shall not apply~~ and the governor

1 shall order ~~such~~, not later than five days after the day the  
2 vacancy occurs, a special election at the earliest practical  
3 ~~time~~, giving at least ~~eighteen~~ twenty-one, but no more than  
4 forty-two, days' notice of the special election. Any special  
5 election called under this section must be held on a Tuesday  
6 and shall not be held on the same day as a school election  
7 within the district.

8 Sec. 39. Section 376.5, Code 2020, is amended to read as  
9 follows:

10 **376.5 Publication of ballot.**

11 Notice ~~containing a copy of the ballot~~ for each regular,  
12 special, primary, or runoff city election must be published by  
13 the county commissioner of elections as provided in section  
14 362.3, except that notice of a regular, primary, or runoff  
15 election may be published not less than four days before the  
16 date of the election. The published notice ~~must contain~~ shall  
17 list the names of all candidates, and may not contain any party  
18 designations. The published notice ~~must contain~~ shall include  
19 any question to be submitted to the voters. The notice may  
20 contain one or more facsimiles of the portion of the ballot  
21 containing the first arrangement of candidates as prescribed  
22 by section 49.31, subsection 2.

23 DIVISION V

24 CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

25 Sec. 40. NEW SECTION. **43.17 Disqualification of certain**  
26 **candidates.**

27 A person who files an affidavit of candidacy pursuant to this  
28 chapter shall not file an affidavit of candidacy pursuant to  
29 chapter 44 or 45 for the same office in the same election.

30 Sec. 41. Section 44.4, subsection 1, Code 2020, is amended  
31 by adding the following new paragraph:

32 NEW PARAGRAPH. *c.* Notwithstanding paragraph "a",  
33 nominations for candidates for nonpartisan offices described in  
34 section 39.21 which are required to be filed in the office of  
35 the commissioner shall be filed in that office not more than

1 ninety-two days nor later than 5:00 p.m. on the sixty-ninth day  
2 before the date of the general election.

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DIVISION VI

4

VOTING RIGHTS OF CERTAIN CONVICTED PERSONS

5 Sec. 42. Section 43.18, subsection 9, Code 2020, is amended  
6 by striking the subsection.

7 Sec. 43. Section 43.67, subsection 2, paragraph i, Code  
8 2020, is amended by striking the paragraph.

9 Sec. 44. Section 44.3, subsection 2, paragraph i, Code 2020,  
10 is amended by striking the paragraph.

11 Sec. 45. Section 45.3, subsection 9, Code 2020, is amended  
12 by striking the subsection.

13 Sec. 46. Section 48A.6, subsection 1, Code 2020, is amended  
14 to read as follows:

15 1. A person who has been convicted of a felony as defined  
16 in [section 701.7](#), or convicted of an offense classified as a  
17 felony under federal law. If the person's rights are later  
18 ~~restored by the governor, or by the president of the United~~  
19 ~~States, pursuant to section 914.8, or by a pardon issued by the~~  
20 governor or the president of the United States, the person may  
21 register to vote.

22 Sec. 47. Section 57.1, subsection 2, paragraph c, Code 2020,  
23 is amended to read as follows:

24 c. That prior to the election the incumbent had been duly  
25 convicted of a felony, as defined in [section 701.7](#), and that  
26 the judgment had not been reversed, annulled, or set aside, nor  
27 the incumbent pardoned by the governor or the president of the  
28 United States or restored to the rights of citizenship ~~by the~~  
29 ~~governor under [chapter 914](#) pursuant to section 914.8~~, at the  
30 time of the election.

31 Sec. 48. Section 123.3, subsection 40, paragraph d, Code  
32 2020, is amended to read as follows:

33 d. The person has not been convicted of a felony. However,  
34 if the person's conviction of a felony occurred more than five  
35 years before the date of the application for a license or

1 permit, and if the person's rights of citizenship have been  
2 restored by the governor pursuant to sections 914.1 through  
3 914.6, the administrator may determine that the person is of  
4 good moral character notwithstanding such conviction.

5 Sec. 49. Section 161A.5, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code  
6 2020, is amended to read as follows:

7 b. Every candidate shall file with the nomination papers  
8 an affidavit stating the candidate's name, the candidate's  
9 residence, that the person is a candidate and is eligible for  
10 the office of commissioner, and that if elected the candidate  
11 will qualify for the office. ~~The affidavit shall also state  
12 that the candidate is aware that the candidate is disqualified  
13 from holding office if the candidate has been convicted of a  
14 felony or other infamous crime and the candidate's rights have  
15 not been restored by the governor or by the president of the  
16 United States.~~

17 Sec. 50. Section 277.4, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code  
18 2020, is amended to read as follows:

19 b. Signers of nomination petitions shall include their  
20 addresses and the date of signing, and must reside in the same  
21 director district as the candidate if directors are elected  
22 by the voters of a director district, rather than at-large.  
23 A person may sign nomination petitions for more than one  
24 candidate for the same office, and the signature is not invalid  
25 solely because the person signed nomination petitions for  
26 one or more other candidates for the office. The petition  
27 shall be filed with the affidavit of the candidate being  
28 nominated, stating the candidate's name, place of residence,  
29 that such person is a candidate and is eligible for the office  
30 the candidate seeks, and that if elected the candidate will  
31 qualify for the office. ~~The affidavit shall also state that  
32 the candidate is aware that the candidate is disqualified from  
33 holding office if the candidate has been convicted of a felony  
34 or other infamous crime and the candidate's rights have not  
35 been restored by the governor or by the president of the United~~

1 ~~States.~~

2 Sec. 51. Section 376.4, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code  
3 2020, is amended to read as follows:

4 b. The petition must include the affidavit of the individual  
5 for whom it is filed, stating the individual's name, the  
6 individual's residence, that the individual is a candidate and  
7 eligible for the office, and that if elected the individual  
8 will qualify for the office. ~~The affidavit shall also state  
9 that the candidate is aware that the candidate is disqualified  
10 from holding office if the candidate has been convicted of a  
11 felony or other infamous crime and the candidate's rights have  
12 not been restored by the governor or by the president of the  
13 United States.~~

14 Sec. 52. Section 914.2, Code 2020, is amended to read as  
15 follows:

16 **914.2 Right of application.**

17 Except as otherwise provided in [section 902.2](#) or [914.8](#), a  
18 person convicted of a criminal offense has the right to make  
19 application to the board of parole for recommendation or to  
20 the governor for a reprieve, pardon, commutation of sentence,  
21 remission of fines or forfeitures, or restoration of rights of  
22 citizenship at any time following the conviction.

23 Sec. 53. Section 914.6, subsection 3, Code 2020, is amended  
24 to read as follows:

25 3. In the case of a remission of fines and forfeitures,  
26 restoration of rights of citizenship other than the right to  
27 register to vote and to vote, or a pardon, commutation of  
28 sentence, or reprieve, if the person is not in custody, one  
29 copy of the executive instrument shall be delivered to the  
30 person and one copy to the clerk of the district court where  
31 the judgment is of record. ~~A list of the restorations of  
32 rights of citizenship issued by the governor shall be delivered  
33 to the state registrar of voters at least once each month.~~

34 Sec. 54. NEW SECTION. **914.8 Restoration of right to**  
35 **register and to vote.**

1 1. A person convicted of a felony criminal offense who has  
2 been discharged from probation under section 907.9, discharged  
3 from parole or work release under section 906.15, or who is  
4 released from confinement under section 902.6 because the  
5 person has completed the person's term of confinement, shall  
6 have the right to register to vote and to vote as provided in  
7 this section.

8 2. Upon discharge from confinement or supervision, the  
9 department of corrections or judicial district department of  
10 correctional services, whichever is applicable, shall provide  
11 written notice to the inmate, parolee, or probationer of the  
12 person's discharge which shall include a voter registration  
13 form and a statement that the person's right to register to  
14 vote and to vote is restored. The notice shall also inform the  
15 person that when first registering to vote after discharge, the  
16 person must present the discharge notice to the commissioner of  
17 registration.

18 DIVISION VII

19 FELON VOTER DATABASE MAINTENANCE

20 Sec. 55. NEW SECTION. **48A.7B Felony database maintenance**  
21 **activities.**

22 1. A database maintained by the state commissioner that  
23 lists the persons who have been convicted of a felony shall be  
24 reviewed and verified to be correct before the first day on  
25 which absentee ballots may be mailed in each general election,  
26 and one half of the database shall be verified to be correct by  
27 July 1 of each year.

28 2. Only a person whose conviction of a felony is verified  
29 shall remain in the database. The judicial branch shall  
30 provide any assistance necessary for the verification of felony  
31 convictions.

32 3. After completing the database verification required by  
33 subsection 1, the state commissioner shall, by the first week  
34 of the next regular session of the general assembly, submit a  
35 report to the general assembly containing all of the following:

1 a. The number of registered voters who appeared on the list  
2 of felons in error.

3 b. The number of persons who attempted to vote but were  
4 prohibited from voting because of an error on the list of  
5 felons.

6 c. A description of how the state commissioner intends to  
7 prevent future errors in the database.

8 Sec. 56. Section 48A.30, Code 2020, is amended by adding the  
9 following new subsection:

10 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. If a registered voter's registration  
11 is canceled pursuant to subsection 1, paragraph "d", and it is  
12 discovered that the registered voter was erroneously identified  
13 as having been convicted of a felony as defined in section  
14 701.7, or conviction of an offense classified as a felony under  
15 federal law, the commissioner shall notify the registered voter  
16 of the error, and shall reinstate the registration at the  
17 last-known address of the registered voter if that address is  
18 within the county of the commissioner.

19 DIVISION VIII

20 ELECTION SYSTEMS SECURITY

21 Sec. 57. ELECTION SYSTEMS SECURITY.

22 1. The state commissioner of elections shall adopt rules  
23 requiring each county commissioner of elections to do all of  
24 the following:

25 a. Become or remain a member of the election infrastructure  
26 information sharing and analysis center.

27 b. Request the following services provided by the United  
28 States department of homeland security:

29 (1) Vulnerability scanning.

30 (2) Risk and vulnerability assessment.

31 (3) Remote penetration testing.

32 (4) Validated architectural design review.

33 (5) Cyber threat hunt.

34 (6) Tabletop exercise.

35 (7) Physical security assessment.



- 1 c. Review the handbook for elections infrastructure  
2 security, or other framework approved by the state commissioner  
3 of elections, and create an elections infrastructure security  
4 assessment and incident response plan. The state commissioner  
5 of elections may require a county commissioner of elections  
6 to submit the assessment or plan to the state commissioner of  
7 elections for review. Information shared pursuant to this  
8 paragraph shall remain confidential.
- 9 d. Use transport layer security or secure socket layer  
10 certificates for all publicly facing and internal web-based  
11 applications.
- 12 e. Consider participating in the cloudflare athenian  
13 project.
- 14 f. Consider using google project shield.
- 15 g. Use a domain name ending in ".gov" for each  
16 elections-related internet site and all elections-related  
17 official electronic mail communications.
- 18 h. Conduct annual training on election cybersecurity and  
19 physical security.
- 20 i. Require each employee, vendor, and contractor that  
21 performs services that require access to personal information  
22 relates to computer networks, information systems, databases,  
23 or secure facilities of the commissioner or the state  
24 commissioner of elections under circumstances that would permit  
25 modifications to such systems, or involve unsupervised access  
26 to secure facilities, to undergo a criminal background check.
- 27 j. Comply with the center for internet security guide for  
28 ensuring security in elections technical procurements.
- 29 k. Use domain-based message authentication, reporting, and  
30 conformance to prevent electronic mail spoofing.
- 31 l. Participate in phishing assessments arranged by the  
32 state commissioner of elections. A county commissioner of  
33 elections may participate in additional phishing assessments.
- 34 m. Participate in the services offered by the information  
35 security division of the office of the chief information

1 officer or similar services.

2 n. Provide the state commissioner of elections with  
3 information relating to critical personnel who have a role in  
4 elections administration or security.

5 o. Remediation requirements for all critical or high-risk  
6 vulnerabilities identified by any assessment.

7 p. Prohibiting the use of personal electronic mail  
8 addresses in the conduct of elections-related business.

9 q. Requirements for county information technology  
10 infrastructure that is used to access or conduct any  
11 elections-related business.

12 r. Requirements for the security and verification of social  
13 media accounts by county commissioners of elections.

14 2. The state commissioner of elections shall do all of the  
15 following:

16 a. Ensure that all computers used by the state commissioner  
17 of elections and employees are fully updated.

18 b. Implement multifactor authentication for all web-based  
19 applications available to election officials.

20 c. Require usage of intrusion detection devices by all  
21 counties.

22 d. Investigate implementation of security information and  
23 event management services for elections-related computer and  
24 network systems.

25 3. The state commissioner of elections may adopt rules for  
26 the regulation of county offices other than the office of the  
27 county commissioner of elections if the network or internet  
28 site infrastructure of the county does not allow the network  
29 or internet site segmentation of the office of the county  
30 commissioner of elections.

31 Sec. 58. IMPLEMENTATION OF ACT. Section 25B.2, subsection  
32 3, shall not apply to this division of this Act.

33 DIVISION IX

34 EFFECTIVE DATE

35 Sec. 59. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of

1 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

2 EXPLANATION

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

5 This bill relates to voting and the conduct of elections.

6 DIVISION I — ADMINISTRATION OF ELECTIONS. This division  
7 requires all petitions relating to any elective office,  
8 election, or the administration of elections to include the  
9 printed name, signature, address, and phone number of the  
10 person responsible for circulating each page of the petition.

11 The bill requires all ballots to include the seal of the  
12 county auditor of the county of the county commissioner of  
13 elections responsible for printing the ballot. The seal of  
14 the county auditor shall contain the name of the county, the  
15 word "county", and the word "Iowa", and may contain the word  
16 "auditor". The seal shall not contain the name of the auditor  
17 or any elected official.

18 The bill allows a county commissioner of registration to  
19 cancel a voter's registration if the commissioner receives  
20 notice of the voter's death from the federal social security  
21 administration.

22 The bill sets the date for the drawing of lots for the  
23 arrangement of candidates on a nonpartisan ballot to the  
24 sixty-eighth day prior to the general election.

25 The bill adds provisions regarding the safeguarding of  
26 confidential information to the oath taken by precinct election  
27 officials and requires the state commissioner to provide  
28 training on the handling of confidential information to such  
29 officials.

30 The bill requires a voter who is attesting to the  
31 identity of a registered voter who is unable to produce voter  
32 identification to first provide proof of the attesting voter's  
33 identity.

34 The bill requires the state commissioner of elections to  
35 order election audits prior to all elections other than general

1 elections.

2 The bill requires a county commissioner of elections who  
3 receives an incomplete application for an absentee ballot to  
4 contact the voter and obtain the missing information directly  
5 from the voter. A county commissioner of elections shall only  
6 use the voter registration system to obtain such information  
7 if all other methods have been exhausted. The bill removes a  
8 provision allowing a county commissioner of elections to obtain  
9 such information by the best means available.

10 The bill allows a registered voter who becomes a patient,  
11 tenant, or resident of a hospital, assisted living program,  
12 or health care facility in the county where the voter is  
13 registered to vote after the deadline for making a written  
14 application for an absentee ballot to request an absentee  
15 ballot during that period, including election day. Current law  
16 allows a person who becomes so confined within three days prior  
17 to the date of an election to request an absentee ballot.

18 The bill removes a special deadline for the receipt of  
19 petitions for ballot propositions to approve the conduct of  
20 gambling games in a county. The bill requires such petitions  
21 to be submitted as required for other petitions.

22 The bill changes the withdrawal deadline for candidates for  
23 school district office from 35 days before the election to 25  
24 days before the election.

25 The bill repeals a section of 2017 Iowa Acts, chapter 155,  
26 that was not codified and is inconsistent with current law.

27 The bill removes a provision making the willful false  
28 swearing of an affidavit a fraudulent practice. Such conduct  
29 remains election misconduct in the first degree.

30 DIVISION II — PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROCEDURES.

31 This division of the bill relates to the process for amending  
32 the Iowa constitution. The bill requires the commissioner  
33 of elections to summarize proposed constitutional amendments  
34 and public measures and to post the full text of such proposed  
35 constitutional amendments and public measures within voting

1 booths. Current law allows the commissioner of elections  
2 to summarize proposed constitutional amendments and public  
3 measures.

4 DIVISION III — MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS. This division of  
5 the bill relates to various changes to the Code.

6 The bill changes the rate of compensation for presidential  
7 electors from \$5 per day to one-half of the per diem rate set by  
8 the federal general services administration.

9 The bill changes the time at which the senate shall organize  
10 as a court of impeachment from forthwith after the hour of  
11 final adjournment to as soon as practicable. The bill also  
12 changes the rate of compensation for members serving on a court  
13 of impeachment to the same rate as for members serving in a  
14 special session of the general assembly if the general assembly  
15 is not in regular session. If the general assembly is in  
16 regular session, the bill provides that members shall receive  
17 no additional compensation.

18 DIVISION IV — CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS. This division of the  
19 bill relates to the conduct of elections.

20 The bill alters the deadlines for filing a nomination  
21 petition, withdrawing a nomination, and filling a ballot  
22 vacancy.

23 The bill makes technical changes to the provisions of law  
24 governing the content of notices of elections.

25 The bill requires any election other than a presidential  
26 election or an election for a nonpartisan office that results  
27 in a tie to go to a special election. A tied election for  
28 president shall result in the electors being split between the  
29 candidates.

30 The bill allows a candidate requesting a recount to request  
31 the presence of a county commissioner of elections from another  
32 county at the recount. Such a commissioner may report any  
33 irregularities observed by the commissioner at any time after  
34 the election to the state commissioner of elections.

35 The bill requires a recount for an election other than a

1 statewide election to include all precincts in which a ballot  
2 for the contested election was cast.

3 The bill allows an unregistered person seeking to vote  
4 absentee at the office of a county commissioner of elections  
5 prior to the voter registration deadline who does not have an  
6 Iowa driver's license, nonoperator's identification card, or  
7 voter identification number to vote absentee by satisfying the  
8 voter identification requirements of Code section 49.78.

9 The bill changes the process by which absentee ballots  
10 lacking a signature are verified. If such a ballot is received  
11 by 5:00 p.m. on the Saturday before a general election or by  
12 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before any other election, the county  
13 commissioner of elections must contact the voter within 24  
14 hours and inform the voter how to remediate the ballot. A  
15 ballot received after the applicable deadline is sent to the  
16 absentee and special voters precinct board for review. If the  
17 absentee and special voters precinct board determines that the  
18 affidavit is incomplete, the commissioner shall inform the  
19 voter within 24 hours how the ballot may be remediated if the  
20 ballot lacks a signature.

21 The bill alters the timeline for contesting a gubernatorial  
22 election and the makeup of a contest court for such a  
23 challenge.

24 The bill alters the timeline for holding a special election  
25 to fill a vacant office and prohibits a person who has ever  
26 been removed from office from being appointed to fill a  
27 vacancy.

28 DIVISION V — CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE. This division  
29 prohibits a person who files an affidavit of candidacy to be  
30 a partisan candidate for an office in an election from filing  
31 an affidavit of candidacy to be a candidate for a nonparty  
32 political organization or to be nominated by petition for the  
33 same office in the same election.

34 The bill changes the filing deadline for nominations for  
35 nonpartisan offices which are required to be filed in the

1 office of the county commissioner of elections from not later  
2 than 5:00 p.m. on the 74th day before the first Tuesday after  
3 the first Monday in June in each even-numbered year to not  
4 later than 5:00 p.m. on the 69th day before the date of the  
5 general election.

6 DIVISION VI — VOTING RIGHTS OF CERTAIN CONVICTED PERSONS.

7 This division makes restoration of the right to register  
8 to vote and to vote automatic upon a person's release from  
9 probation, parole, or work release. By operation of law,  
10 persons whose rights have been restored are eligible to run for  
11 elective office.

12 The bill requires the department of corrections or the  
13 judicial district department of correctional services to  
14 provide written notice upon discharge from confinement or  
15 supervision that a person's voting rights are restored and  
16 that the person must provide written notice of discharge when  
17 registering to vote. The notice shall also include a voter  
18 registration form.

19 DIVISION VII — FELON VOTER DATABASE MAINTENANCE. This  
20 division relates to the database of persons prohibited from  
21 voting or registering to vote due to conviction of a felony.  
22 The bill requires the state commissioner of elections to verify  
23 the accuracy of the database before the first day on which  
24 absentee ballots may be mailed for each general election, and  
25 to have verified the accuracy of 50 percent of the database  
26 by July 1 of each year. After verifying the database, the  
27 state commissioner of elections must submit a report to the  
28 general assembly by the first week of the next regular session  
29 of the general assembly regarding errors in the database. The  
30 bill requires the judicial branch to cooperate in verification  
31 efforts.

32 The bill requires a county commissioner of elections who  
33 discovers that a person's voter registration has erroneously  
34 been canceled due to an error in the felon voter database to  
35 inform the person of the error, and to reinstate the person's

1 registration at the last-known address of the person if the  
2 address is within the county of the county commissioner of  
3 elections.

4     DIVISION VIII — ELECTION SYSTEMS SECURITY. This division  
5 relates to election systems security. The bill requires the  
6 state commissioner of elections to adopt rules requiring county  
7 commissioners of elections to take certain actions relating  
8 to election security, including using services provided by  
9 the United States department of homeland security, using  
10 certain third-party security services and guides, and requiring  
11 background checks for certain employees and contractors.

12     The bill requires the state commissioner of elections to  
13 ensure that all computers used by the state commissioner  
14 of elections and employees are fully updated, implement  
15 multifactor authentication for all web-based applications  
16 available to election officials, required usage of  
17 intrusion detection devices by all counties, and investigate  
18 implementation of security information and event management  
19 services for elections-related computer and network systems.

20     The division may include a state mandate as defined in Code  
21 section 25B.3. The bill makes inapplicable Code section 25B.2,  
22 subsection 3, which would relieve a political subdivision from  
23 complying with a state mandate if funding for the cost of  
24 the state mandate is not provided or specified. Therefore,  
25 political subdivisions are required to comply with any state  
26 mandate included in the division.

27     DIVISION IX — EFFECTIVE DATE. The bill takes effect upon  
28 enactment.