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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the use of student identification cards as  
2 voter registration and identification documents.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 48A.7A, subsection 1, paragraph b,  
2 subparagraph (1), subparagraph division (e), Code 2020, is  
3 amended to read as follows:

4 (e) A student identification card issued by an Iowa high  
5 school or an Iowa postsecondary educational institution. A  
6 student identification card issued by an accredited Iowa  
7 postsecondary educational institution need not include  
8 the person's photograph or a valid expiration date, and a  
9 person presenting a student identification card issued by an  
10 accredited Iowa postsecondary educational institution is not  
11 subject to address verification pursuant to subparagraph (2)  
12 if the student identification card does not include a current  
13 address in the precinct.

14 Sec. 2. Section 49.78, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code 2020,  
15 is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

16 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (6) A student identification card issued  
17 by an accredited Iowa postsecondary educational institution.

18 Sec. 3. Section 49.78, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code 2020,  
19 is amended to read as follows:

20 *b.* Upon being presented with a form of identification under  
21 this section, the precinct election official shall examine  
22 the identification. The precinct election official shall use  
23 the information on the identification card, including the  
24 signature, to determine whether the person offering to vote  
25 appears to be the person depicted on the identification card.  
26 The voter's signature shall generally be presumed to be valid.  
27 If the identification provided does not appear to be the person  
28 offering to vote under [section 49.77](#), the precinct election  
29 official shall challenge the person offering to vote in the  
30 same manner provided for other challenges by [sections 49.79](#)  
31 and [49.80](#). A person offering to vote who establishes identity  
32 by presenting a veteran's identification card or student  
33 identification card that does not contain a signature, is not  
34 subject to challenge under this paragraph "b".

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EXPLANATION

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

3       This bill relates to the usage of student identification  
4 cards issued by accredited Iowa postsecondary educational  
5 institutions as voter registration and identification  
6 documents. The bill allows a student identification card  
7 issued by an accredited Iowa postsecondary educational  
8 institution to be used for voter registration even if the card  
9 lacks the person's photograph and a valid expiration date and a  
10 person presenting a student identification card issued by an  
11 accredited Iowa postsecondary educational institution that does  
12 not include a current address in the precinct is not subject to  
13 additional address verification requirements.

14       The bill allows a student identification card issued by an  
15 accredited Iowa postsecondary educational institution to be  
16 used as a voter identification document, including when the  
17 card does not contain a signature.