

Senate File 2226 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the establishment of voting centers for
2 elections where city elections and school elections are on
3 the same ballot.

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

1 Section 1. Section 49.11, subsection 3, paragraph b,
2 subparagraph (1), Code 2020, is amended to read as follows:

3 (1) (a) Establish voting centers for the regular city
4 election, city primary election, city runoff election, regular
5 school election, and special elections. Any registered voter
6 who is eligible to vote in the regular city election may vote
7 at any voting center in the city. Any registered voter who
8 is eligible to vote at the regular school election may vote
9 at any voting center in the school district. Any registered
10 voter who is eligible to vote in a special election may vote at
11 any voting center established for that special election. For
12 purposes of [section 48A.7A](#), a voting center shall be considered
13 the polling place for the precinct in which a person resides.

14 (b) In an election where a city election and a school
15 election are being conducted on the same ballot, the county
16 commissioner of elections may establish a voting center in
17 a county bordering the county of the county commissioner of
18 elections if the county commissioner of elections determines
19 that the voting center would be beneficial to voters in the
20 election. Such a voting center shall be under the control of
21 the county commissioner of elections establishing the voting
22 center, shall be established in consultation with the county
23 commissioner of elections of the county where the voting center
24 is located, and shall be used only by voters from the county
25 of the county commissioner of elections that established the
26 voting center.

27 EXPLANATION

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

30 This bill relates to the establishment of voting centers
31 for elections where city elections and school elections are
32 on the same ballot. The bill allows a county commissioner of
33 elections (commissioner) to establish a voting center for an
34 election in which a city election and a school election are
35 being conducted on the same ballot in a location outside the

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1 county of the commissioner if the commissioner determines that
2 the voting center would be beneficial to voters from the county
3 of the commissioner. Such a voting center shall be under the
4 control of the commissioner establishing the voting center,
5 shall be established in consultation with the commissioner
6 of the county where the voting center will be located, and
7 shall only be used by voters of the county of the commissioner
8 establishing the voting center.