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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to voter registration activities at schools.
- 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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- 1 Section 1. Section 48A.23, subsection 1, Code 2024, is 2 amended to read as follows:
- 3 1. At least twice during each school year, the board of
- 4 directors of each school district operating a high school and
- 5 the authorities in charge of each accredited nonpublic school
- 6 shall offer the opportunity to register to vote to each student
- 7 who is at least seventeen years of age as provided in this
- 8 subsection.
- 9 a. The board of directors of each school district operating
- 10 a high school and the authorities in charge of each accredited
- 11 nonpublic school shall allow each student who is at least
- 12 seventeen years of age to register to vote during school hours
- 13 on the fourth Tuesday in September of each year and on March 22
- 14 of each year, or on the next available school day if school is
- 15 not in session on those days.
- 16 b. The state registrar of voters shall prepare materials
- 17 regarding voter registration to be distributed at each voter
- 18 registration activity conducted pursuant to this subsection.
- 19 EXPLANATION
- The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- 22 This bill relates to voter registration activities conducted
- 23 at schools. The bill requires the board of directors of each
- 24 school district operating a high school and the authorities in
- 25 charge of each accredited nonpublic school to allow students
- 26 who are at least 17 years of age to register to vote during
- 27 school hours on the fourth Tuesday in September of each year
- 28 and on March 22 of each year, or on the next available school
- 29 day if school is not in session on those days. The bill
- 30 requires the state registrar of voters to prepare materials to
- 31 be distributed at each such voter registration opportunity.