

House File 716 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 245)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to elections, including political party
2 caucuses, updates to the statewide voter registration
3 system, and costs of preparing lists of voters.

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

1 Section 1. Section 43.91, Code 2023, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **43.91 Voter at caucus — qualifications.**

4 Any person voting at a precinct caucus must be a person who
5 is or will by the date of the next general election become
6 an eligible elector, who has not already participated in the
7 caucus of any political party within the same year, who has
8 been a member of the political party holding the precinct
9 caucus for seventy days immediately preceding the precinct
10 caucus, who is physically present at the location of the
11 precinct caucus, and who is a resident of the precinct. A list
12 of the names and addresses of each person to whom a ballot was
13 delivered or who was allowed to vote in each precinct caucus
14 shall be prepared by the caucus chairperson and secretary who
15 shall certify such list to the commissioner at the same time
16 as the names of those elected as delegates and party committee
17 members are so certified.

18 Sec. 2. Section 47.7, subsection 3, unnumbered paragraph 1,
19 Code 2023, is amended to read as follows:

20 The state registrar of voters ~~shall~~ may use information from
21 ~~the electronic registration information center~~ other entities
22 to update information in the statewide voter registration
23 system, including but not limited to reports related to any of
24 the following ~~reports~~:

25 Sec. 3. Section 47.7, subsection 3, paragraph d, Code 2023,
26 is amended to read as follows:

27 d. Deceased persons.

28 Sec. 4. Section 47.7, subsection 3, paragraph e, Code 2023,
29 is amended by striking the paragraph.

30 Sec. 5. Section 48A.38, Code 2023, is amended by adding the
31 following new subsection:

32 NEW SUBSECTION. 4. The registrar may adjust the cost of
33 preparation imposed pursuant to subsection 1 to reflect the
34 costs of processing a credit card payment by an amount not to
35 exceed the cost of processing the credit card payment.

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EXPLANATION

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

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4 This bill relates to elections.

5 The bill requires a person voting at a precinct caucus to
6 have been a member of the political party holding the caucus
7 for the 70 days immediately preceding the caucus and to be
8 physically present at the location of the precinct caucus.

9 The bill strikes a requirement that the state registrar
10 of voters use information from the electronic registration
11 information center to update information in the statewide
12 voter registration system, including a report of voters that
13 are eligible but unregistered. The bill allows the state
14 registrar of voters to use information from other entities to
15 update information in the statewide voter registration system,
16 including but not limited to reports related to certain subject
17 areas set forth under current law. The bill also allows a
18 county or state registrar of voters to adjust the cost of
19 preparation of a list of registered voters and other election
20 data to reflect the costs of processing a credit card payment.