

VOTER REGISTRATION COMMISSION

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The Iowa Voter Registration Commission establishes overall voter registration policies for the state registrar of voters and county commissioners of registration. It adopts rules and standards related to registration forms, maintenance of registration records, and procedures to be used in the registration process.

The commission actively promotes registration and participation in elections by all Iowans. Information concerning registration procedures and deadlines are routinely released to the public before major elections.

Established in 1976, the commission was originally composed of the chairs of the two major political parties and the secretary of state or their designee. Legislation passed in 1995 added to the group a representative from the Iowa State Association of County Auditors.

Voter Registration Commissioners serve terms of indefinite duration.

VOTING MACHINES AND ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEMS, BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR

c/o Secretary of State, Hoover Building, Des Moines 50319; 515/281-0145

JAMES DOWLING, Sac City, term expires 2002; DOUGLAS JONES, Iowa City, term expires 2004; MARY SHULTZ, Webster City, term expires 2000

Requests for certification of voting equipment and voting booths are submitted to the secretary of state, who then notifies the Board of Examiners of the time and place for the examination and testing of the equipment. Following administrative rules and the requirements of the *Code of Iowa*, the board examines and tests the equipment and determines whether or not the equipment may be used in the state. The reports of the Board of Examiners are filed and kept in the Office of the Secretary of State. Only voting machines or systems and voting booths approved by the Board of Examiners may be used at Iowa elections. Board members are appointed by the secretary of state for six-year terms.