

VOTER REGISTRATION COMMISSION

Dorothy Elliott, director; Level B, Hoover State Office Bldg., Des Moines 50319; 515-281-5781

TIM DICKSON, Des Moines; representative of Democratic State Chair

JOHN CANNON, Des Moines; representative of Republican State Chair

LOUISE WHITCOME, West Des Moines; representative of Secretary of State

Every eligible elector shall be registered to qualify to vote in any election [C '85, 47.4].

Any eligible elector may register in person with the county commissioner or designee, with a mobile registrar or on a prescribed postcard registration form [C '85, 48.2, 48.3].

Registration closes at 5 P.M., 10 days prior to the primary and general elections or 11 days prior to any other election. Alternate registration (postcard or newsprint) closes 25 days prior. (C '85, 48.3, 48.11).

VOTING SYSTEMS EXAMINERS

% County Auditor, Court House, Washington 52353; 319-653-3655

CURT MINEART, chair, Washington; term expires June 30, 1989

RALPH DE COOK, Pella; term expires June 30, 1989

LOIS SCHNOOR, Maquoketa; term expires June 30, 1989

The board passes on the capacity of voting machines to perform satisfactorily. Approval of this board is required before a new type of machine can be adopted.

WATER, AIR AND WASTE MANAGEMENT, IOWA DEPARTMENT

Stephen W. Ballou, executive director; Wallace State Office Bldg., Des Moines 50319; 515-281-8690

The Department of Water, Air and Waste Management made operational July 1, 1983, was created by the 69th General Assembly in 1982, and is responsible for improving and maintaining the quality of Iowa's water, air and land resources.

A 13-member commission, appointed by the governor, is responsible for determining the department's policies and developing and conducting programs to implement these policies. The commission also adopts rules and standards and initiates enforcement actions taken by the department.

The programs developed by the commission are carried out through the department's staff of scientists, engineers, attorneys and other professionals. The staff is headed by an executive director who is appointed by the governor.

Iowa's water program is based on the conviction that all waters within the state, both surface and groundwater, belong to the people of Iowa and are subject to regulated use for beneficial purposes.

Water programs include regulation of structures, dams, obstructions, deposits or excavations in floodplains; administration and establishment of flood control programs; and coordination of the National Flood Insurance Program.

The department regulates water use, storage and withdrawal and administers the public drinking water supply program.

The department is concerned with protecting the waters of the state from pollution and regulates discharges, wastewater treatment and conducts a certification program for operators of wastewater and water supply treatment facilities.

The department's water program also helps local communities in obtaining state and federal funding for the construction of sewage treatment plants.

Iowa's air programs are concerned with cleaning up areas that are not meeting air quality standards and planning ways to keep unpolluted areas clean.

Iowa's waste management programs include closing open dumps, approving sanitary landfills, encouraging recycling efforts and controlling hazardous wastes. The department also maintains an environmental emergency response program for responding to hazardous substance spills.