SENATE FILE 568
BY COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1237)

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## A BILL FOR

An Act relating to the conduct of elections, including nominations and procedures for proposed amendments to the Iowa Constitution, and including effective date provisions.

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

Section 1. Section 39.2, subsection 4, paragraph a, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

*a.* For a county, in an odd-numbered year, the first Tuesday in March, the second Tuesday in September, or the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. For a county, in an even-numbered year, the first Tuesday in March, ~~or~~ the second Tuesday in September, or the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

Sec. 2. Section 39.4, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

**39.4 Proclamation concerning revision of Constitution.**

1. In the years in which the Constitution requires, or at other times when the general assembly by law provides for, a vote on the question of calling a convention and revising the Constitution, the governor shall at least sixty days before the general election issue a proclamation directing that at the general election there be proposed to the people the following question:

Shall there be a convention to revise the Constitution, and propose amendment or amendments to same?

2. The question proposed pursuant to this section shall be considered a public measure for the purposes of sections 49.43 through 49.47.

Sec. 3. Section 39.11, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

**39.11 More than one office prohibited.**

1. Statewide elected officials and members of the general assembly shall not hold more than one elective office at a time. All other elected officials shall not hold more than one elective office at the same level of government at a time. This section does not apply to the following offices: county agricultural extension council or soil and water conservation district commission.

2. Notwithstanding subsection 1, an elected official may hold a second elective office if not more than thirty days

remain in the term of the first office and the elected official did not seek reelection for the first office in the most recent election.

Sec. 4. Section 39.12, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

**39.12 Failure to vacate.**

An elected official who has been elected to another elective office to which section 39.11 applies shall choose only one office in which to serve unless otherwise permitted pursuant to section 39.11, subsection 2. The official shall resign from all but one of the offices to which section 39.11 applies before the beginning of the term of the office to which the person was most recently elected unless otherwise permitted pursuant to section 39.11, subsection 2. Failure to submit the required resignation will result in a vacancy in ~~all~~ the first elective ~~offices~~ office to which the person was elected.

Sec. 5. Section 43.11, subsection 1, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

1. For an elective county office, in the office of the county commissioner not earlier than ninety-two days nor later than 5:00 p.m. on the ~~sixty-ninth~~ seventy-fourth day before the day fixed for holding the primary election.

Sec. 6. Section 43.16, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

*b.* A person who has filed nomination papers with the commissioner may withdraw as a candidate not later than the ~~sixty-seventh~~ sixty-ninth day before the primary election by notifying the commissioner in writing.

Sec. 7. Section 43.23, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

**43.23 Death or withdrawal of primary candidate.**

1. If a person who has filed nomination papers with the state commissioner as a candidate in a primary election dies or withdraws up to the seventy-sixth day before the primary election, the appropriate convention or central committee of

that person's political party may designate one ~~additional~~ primary election candidate for the nomination that person was seeking, if the designation is submitted to the state commissioner in writing by 5:00 p.m. on the seventy-first day before the date of the primary election and no other person has filed as a candidate for the nomination in that election. The name of any candidate so submitted shall be included in the appropriate certificate or certificates furnished by the state commissioner under section 43.22.

2. If a person who has filed nomination papers with the commissioner as a candidate in a primary election dies or withdraws up to the ~~sixty-seventh~~ sixty-ninth day before the primary election, the appropriate convention or central committee of that person's political party may designate one ~~additional~~ primary election candidate for the nomination that person was seeking, if the designation is submitted to the commissioner in writing by 5:00 p.m. on the ~~sixty-third~~ sixty-fourth day before the primary election. The name of any candidate so submitted shall be placed on the appropriate ballot or ballots by the commissioner.

Sec. 8. Section 43.24, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

*a.* Objections to the legal sufficiency of a nomination petition or certificate of nomination filed or issued under this chapter or to the eligibility of a candidate may be filed in writing by any person who would have the right to vote for the candidate for the office in question. Objections relating to incorrect or incomplete information for information that is required under section 43.14 or 43.18 shall be sustained.

Sec. 9. Section 43.24, subsection 1, paragraph b, subparagraph (2), Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

(2) Those filed with the commissioner, not less than ~~sixty-four~~ sixty-seven days before the date of the election, or for certificates of nomination filed under section 43.23, not less than ~~sixty-two~~ sixty-three days before the date of the

election.

Sec. 10. Section 43.78, subsection 2, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

2. The name of any candidate designated to fill a vacancy on the general election ballot in accordance with subsection 1, paragraph *"a"*, *"b"*, or *"c"* shall be submitted in writing to the state commissioner not later than 5:00 p.m. on the ~~seventy-third~~ seventy-sixth day before the date of the general election.

Sec. 11. Section 43.79, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

**43.79 Death of candidate after time for withdrawal.**

The death of a candidate nominated as provided by law for any office to be filled at a general election, during the period beginning on the eighty-first day before the general election, in the case of any candidate whose nomination papers were filed with the state commissioner, or beginning on the ~~seventy-third~~ seventy-fourth day before the general election, in the case of any candidate whose nomination papers were filed with the commissioner, and ending ~~on the last day before~~ at the time the polls close on the day of the general election shall not operate to remove the deceased candidate's name from the general election ballot. If the deceased candidate was seeking the office of senator or representative in the Congress of the United States, governor, attorney general, senator or representative in the general assembly or county supervisor, section 49.58 shall control. If the deceased candidate was seeking any other office, and as a result of the candidate's death a vacancy is subsequently found to exist, the vacancy shall be filled as provided by chapter 69.

Sec. 12. Section 44.4, subsection 2, paragraph a, subparagraphs (1) and (2), Code 2021, are amended to read as follows:

(1) Those filed with the state commissioner, not less than ~~sixty-eight~~ seventy-four days before the first Tuesday after

the first Monday in June in each even-numbered year, or for certificates of nomination filed under subsection 1, paragraph "b", not less than seventy-four days before the date of the election.

(2) Those filed with the commissioner, not less than ~~sixty-four~~ sixty-seven days before the ~~date of the election~~ first Tuesday after the first Monday in June in each even-numbered year, except as provided in subparagraph (3).

Sec. 13. Section 44.6, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

**44.6 Hearing before state commissioner.**

Objections filed with the state commissioner shall be considered by the secretary of state and auditor of state and attorney general, and a majority decision shall be final; but if the objection is to the certificate of nomination of one or more of the above named officers, said officer or officers so objected to shall not pass upon the same, but their places shall be filled, respectively, by the treasurer of state, the governor, and the secretary of agriculture. Objections relating to incorrect or incomplete information for information that is required under section 44.3 shall be sustained.

Sec. 14. Section 44.7, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

**44.7 Hearing before commissioner.**

Except as otherwise provided in section 44.8, objections filed with the commissioner shall be considered by the county auditor, county treasurer, and county attorney, and a majority decision shall be final. However, if the objection is to the certificate of nomination of one or more of the above named county officers, the officer or officers objected to shall not pass upon the objection, but their places shall be filled, respectively, by the chairperson of the board of supervisors, the sheriff, and the county recorder. Objections relating to incorrect or incomplete information for information that is required under section 44.3 shall be sustained.

Sec. 15. Section 44.8, Code 2021, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 3. Objections relating to incorrect or incomplete information for information that is required under section 44.3 shall be sustained.

Sec. 16. Section 44.9, subsections 1 and 2, Code 2021, are amended to read as follows:

1. In the office of the state commissioner, at least ~~sixty-eight~~ eighty-one days before the date of the election, or for withdrawals of nominations filed under section 44.4, subsection 1, paragraph "b", at least seventy-six days before the date of election.

2. In the office of the appropriate commissioner, at least ~~sixty-four~~ seventy-four days before the date of the election, except as otherwise provided in subsection 6.

Sec. 17. Section 44.11, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

**44.11 Vacancies filled.**

If a candidate named under this chapter withdraws or dies before the deadline established in section 44.9, declines a nomination, ~~or dies before election day,~~ or if a certificate of nomination is held insufficient or inoperative by the officer with whom it is required to be filed, or in case any objection made to a certificate of nomination, or to the eligibility of any candidate named in the certificate, is sustained by the board appointed to determine such questions, the vacancy or vacancies may be filled by the convention, or caucus, or in such manner as such convention or caucus has previously provided. The vacancy or vacancies shall be filled not less than ~~seventy-four~~ seventy-six days before the election in the case of nominations required to be filed with the state commissioner or not less than seventy-one days for nominations filed under section 44.4, subsection 1, paragraph "b", not less than ~~sixty-four~~ sixty-nine days before the election in the case of nominations required to be filed with the commissioner, not

less than forty-two days before the election in the case of nominations required to be filed in the office of the school board secretary, and not less than forty-two days before the election in the case of nominations required to be filed with the commissioner for city elections.

Sec. 18. Section 48A.30, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

*a.* The registered voter dies. For the purposes of this subsection, the commissioner may accept as evidence of death a notice from the state registrar of vital statistics forwarded by the state registrar of voters, a notice from the federal social security administration, a written statement from a person related to the registered voter within the second degree of consanguinity or first degree of affinity, an obituary in a newspaper or that appears on the internet site of a funeral establishment licensed under chapter 156 or by the proper authority of another state, a written statement from an election official or personal representative of the registered voter's estate, or a notice from the county recorder of the county where the registered voter died.

Sec. 19. Section 49.31, subsection 2, paragraph c, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

*c.* On the general election ballot the names of candidates for the nonpartisan offices listed in section 39.21 shall be arranged by drawing lots for position. The commissioner shall hold the drawing on the ~~first business day following the deadline for filing of nomination certificates or petitions with the commissioner for the general election pursuant to section 44.4~~ sixty-eighth day prior to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. If a candidate withdraws, dies, or is removed from the ballot after the ballot position of names has been determined, such candidate's name shall be removed from the ballot, and the order of the remaining names shall not be changed.

Sec. 20. NEW SECTION. **49.42B Form of official ballot —**

**candidates for president and vice president.**

When candidates for president and vice president of the United States appear on the ballot, the following statement shall appear directly above the section of the ballot listing such candidates:

[A ballot cast for the named candidates for president and vice president of the United States is considered to be cast for the slate of presidential electors nominated by the political party, nonparty political organization, or independent candidate.]

Sec. 21. Section 49.43, subsection 2, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

2. Constitutional amendments and other public measures ~~may~~ shall be summarized by the commissioner as provided in sections 49.44 and 52.25.

Sec. 22. Section 49.44, subsection 1, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

1. When a proposed constitutional amendment or other public measure to be decided by the voters of the entire state is to be voted upon, the state commissioner shall prepare a written summary of the amendment or measure including the number of the amendment or statewide public measure assigned by the state commissioner. The summary shall be printed immediately preceding the text of the proposed amendment or measure on the paper ballot or optical scan ballot referred to in section 49.43. If the complete text of the proposed amendment or public measure will not fit on the ballot it shall be posted inside the voting booth. A copy of the full text shall be included with any absentee ballots.

Sec. 23. NEW SECTION. **49.47A Public measures — notification.**

For a public measure appearing on a ballot in the month of March or September, the entity requesting the public measure shall mail notification of the election to each household that includes a registered voter eligible to vote on the public

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measure not later than twenty days before the election. The notification shall include the date of the election, the hours during which the polls will be open, and information on finding the voter's polling place, including the internet site and telephone number of the county commissioner of elections and the internet site of the state commissioner of elections.

Sec. 24. Section 49.53, subsection 1, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

1. The commissioner shall not less than four nor more than twenty days before the day of each election, except those for which different publication requirements are prescribed by law, publish notice of the election. The notice shall ~~contain a facsimile of the portion of the ballot containing the first rotation as prescribed by section 49.31, subsection 2, and shall show~~ list the names of all candidates or nominees and the office each seeks, and all public questions, to be voted upon at the election. ~~The sample ballot published as a part of the notice may at the discretion of the commissioner be reduced in size relative to the actual ballot but such reduction shall not cause upper case letters appearing in candidates' names or in summaries of public measures on the published sample ballot to be less than nine point type.~~ The notice shall also state the date of the election, the hours the polls will be open, that each voter is required to provide identification at the polling place before the voter can receive and cast a ballot, the location of each polling place at which voting is to occur in the election, and the names of the precincts voting at each polling place~~, but the statement need not set forth any fact which is apparent from the portion of the ballot appearing as a part of the same notice~~. The notice shall include the full text of all public measures to be voted upon at the election. The notice may contain one or more facsimiles of the portion of the ballot containing the first rotation as prescribed by section 49.31, subsection 2.

Sec. 25. Section 49.57, subsection 6, Code 2021, is amended

to read as follows:

6. A portion of the ballot shall include the words "Official ballot", the unique identification number or name assigned by the commissioner to the ballot style, the date of the election, and the ~~impression or likeness of the~~ county seal of the county of the commissioner who has caused the ballot to be printed pursuant to section 49.51.

Sec. 26. Section 49.58, subsection 1, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

1. If any candidate nominated by a political party, as defined in section 43.2, for the office of senator or representative in the Congress of the United States, governor, attorney general, or senator or representative in the general assembly dies during the period beginning on the ~~eighty-eighth~~ eighty-first day and ending at the time the polls close on the ~~last~~ day ~~before~~ of the general election, or if any candidate so nominated for the office of county supervisor dies during the period beginning on the ~~seventy-third~~ seventy-fourth day and ending at the time the polls close on the ~~last~~ day ~~before~~ of the general election, the vote cast at the general election for that office shall not be canvassed as would otherwise be required by chapter 50. Instead, a special election shall be held on the first Tuesday after the second Monday in December, for the purpose of electing a person to fill that office.

Sec. 27. Section 49.75, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

**49.75 Oath.**

Before opening the polls, each of the board members shall take the following oath:

I, A. B., do solemnly swear or affirm that I will impartially, and to the best of my knowledge and ability, perform the duties of precinct election official of this election, and will studiously endeavor to prevent fraud, deceit, and abuse in conducting the election.

I understand that as a precinct election official, I have

access to certain information that is considered confidential and is protected under Code chapters 22, 39A, 48A, and 715C. Due to this protected status, I agree to only release this information in accordance with Iowa law.

Additionally, I understand that the prohibition on sharing confidential information extends before and after the hours that my assigned polling place is open.

Sec. 28. Section 49.78, subsection 4, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

4. A person who is registered to vote but is unable to present a form of identification under subsection 2 or 3 may establish identity and residency in the precinct by written oath of a person who is also registered to vote in the precinct. Before signing an oath under this subsection, the attesting registered voter shall present to the precinct election official proof of the voter's identity as provided in subsection 2 or 3. The attesting registered voter's oath shall attest to the stated identity of the person wishing to vote and that the person is a current resident of the precinct. The oath must be signed by the attesting registered voter in the presence of the appropriate precinct election official. A registered voter who has signed two oaths on election day attesting to a person's identity and residency as provided in this subsection is prohibited from signing any further oaths as provided in this subsection on that day.

Sec. 29. Section 49A.6, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

**49A.6 Certification — sample ballot.**

The state commissioner of elections shall, not less than ~~sixty-nine~~ sixty-three days preceding any election at which a constitutional amendment or public measure is to be submitted to a vote of the entire people of the state, transmit to the county commissioner of elections of each county a certified copy of the amendment or measure and a sample of the ballot to be used in such cases, prepared in accordance with law.

Sec. 30. Section 50.11, subsection 1, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

1. When the canvass is completed one of the precinct election officials shall publicly announce the total number of votes received by each of the persons voted for, the office for which the person is designated, as announced by the designated tally keepers, and the number of votes for, and the number of votes against, any proposition which shall have been submitted to a vote of the people. A precinct election official ~~shall~~ may, at the request of the commissioner who is conducting the election, communicate the election results by telephone ~~or~~ and shall deliver the election results in person pursuant to section 50.14 to the commissioner who is conducting the election immediately upon completion of the canvass.

Sec. 31. Section 50.12, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

**50.12 Return and preservation of ballots.**

Immediately after making the proclamation, and before separating, the board members of each precinct in which votes have been received by paper ballot shall enclose in an envelope or other container all ballots which have been counted by them, except those endorsed "Rejected as double", "Defective", or "Objected to", and securely seal the envelope. The signatures of all board members of the precinct shall be placed across the seal or the opening of the container so that it cannot be opened without breaking the seal. The precinct election officials, or a precinct election official not delivering election results in person pursuant to section 50.14, shall return all the ballots to the commissioner on the night of the election, ~~who~~ and the commissioner shall carefully preserve them for six months. Ballots from elections for federal offices shall be preserved for twenty-two months. The sealed packages containing voted ballots shall be opened only for an official recount authorized by section 50.48, 50.49, or 50.50, for an election contest held pursuant to chapters 57

through 62, to conduct an audit pursuant to section 50.51, or to destroy the ballots pursuant to section 50.19.

Sec. 32. NEW SECTION. **50.14 Return of results.**

When election results are delivered in person to the commissioner who is conducting the election, the printed results and memory device of the voting equipment shall be returned to the commissioner on election night by two precinct election officials who shall be of different political parties in the case of a partisan election, or by a person designated by the commissioner, including but not limited to a state or local law enforcement officer. The printed results and memory device shall be returned in a securely sealed envelope with the signatures of all board members of the precinct placed across the seal so that the envelope cannot be opened without breaking the seal.

Sec. 33. Section 50.17, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

**50.17 Return of election register.**

The precinct election register prepared for each election, together with the ballots to be returned pursuant to section 50.12, if any, and the signed and attested tally list, shall be delivered to the commissioner by one of the precinct election officials ~~by noon of the day following the election~~ who does not deliver the election results in person pursuant to section 50.14.

Sec. 34. Section 50.23, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

**50.23 Messengers for missing tally lists.**

The commissioner shall send messengers for all tally lists not received in the commissioner's office ~~by noon of the day following the election~~ on the night of the election. The expense of securing such tally lists shall be paid by the county.

Sec. 35. Section 50.24, subsection 2, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

2. Upon convening, the board shall open and canvass the tally lists and shall prepare abstracts stating the number of votes cast in the county, or in that portion of the county in which the election was held, for each office and on each question on the ballot for the election. The board shall contact the chairperson of the special precinct board before adjourning and include in the canvass any write-in votes tallied and recorded by the special precinct board or any absentee ballots which were received after the polls closed in accordance with section 53.17 and which were canvassed by the special precinct board after election day. The abstract shall further indicate the name of each person who received votes for each office on the ballot, and the number of votes each person named received for that office, and the number of votes for and against each question submitted to the voters at the election. The votes of all write-in candidates who each received less than five percent of the votes cast for an office or who each received fewer than ten votes and was not determined to be elected shall be reported collectively under the heading "scattering".

Sec. 36. Section 50.51, subsection 5, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

5. In advance of ~~any~~ all other ~~election~~ elections, the state commissioner ~~may~~ shall order an audit of the election in the manner provided in this section.

Sec. 37. Section 53.17A, Code 2021, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 4. The state commissioner shall by February 26, 2024, include on the state commissioner's internet site an application through which a voter can track the voter's absentee ballot request form and absentee ballot. The application shall provide all of the following information:

*a.* Whether the voter returned a ballot in person, by mail, or by voting in person at a satellite location.

*b.* The date the absentee ballot request form was received by

the county commissioner.

*c.* The date the absentee ballot was mailed or given to the voter.

*d.* The date the absentee ballot was received by the county commissioner.

*e.* The date the county commissioner opened the outer envelope.

*f.* Whether there is a problem with the absentee ballot request form or absentee ballot that requires correction by the voter, along with instructions for the voter to contact the county commissioner as soon as possible to resolve the issue.

Sec. 38. Section 53.37, subsection 2, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

2. The term "*armed forces of the United States*", as used in this subchapter, shall mean the army, navy, marine corps, coast guard, ~~and~~ air force, and space force of the United States.

Sec. 39. Section 53.49, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

**53.49 Applicable to armed forces and other citizens.**

The provisions of this subchapter as to absent voting shall apply only to absent voters in the armed forces of the United States as defined for the purpose of absentee voting in section 53.37. The provisions of sections 53.1 through ~~53.34~~ 53.33 shall apply to all other voters not members of the armed forces of the United States.

Sec. 40. Section 54.9, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

**54.9 Compensation.**

The electors shall each receive a compensation of ~~five dollars~~ one-half of the federal general services administration's per diem rate for the relevant date and location for every day's attendance, and the same mileage as members of the general assembly which shall be paid from funds not otherwise appropriated from the general fund of the state.

Sec. 41. Section 99F.7, subsection 11, paragraph a, Code

2021, is amended to read as follows:

*a.* A license to conduct gambling games in a county shall be issued only if the county electorate approves the conduct of the gambling games as provided in this subsection. The board of supervisors, upon receipt of a valid petition meeting the requirements of section 331.306, and subject to the requirements of paragraph "*e*", shall direct the commissioner of elections to submit to the registered voters of the county a proposition to approve or disapprove the conduct of gambling games in the county. The proposition shall be submitted at an election held on a date specified in section 39.2, subsection 4, paragraph "*a*". ~~To be submitted at a general election, the petition must be received by the board of supervisors at least five working days before the last day for candidates for county offices to file nomination papers for the general election pursuant to section 44.4.~~ If a majority of the county voters voting on the proposition favor the conduct of gambling games, the commission may issue one or more licenses as provided in this chapter. If a majority of the county voters voting on the proposition do not favor the conduct of gambling games, a license to conduct gambling games in the county shall not be issued.

Sec. 42. Section 277.4, subsection 4, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

4. Any person on whose behalf nomination petitions have been filed under this section may withdraw as a candidate by filing a signed statement to that effect with the secretary ~~at any time prior to 5:00 p.m. on the thirty-fifth day before the election~~ consistent with section 44.9, subsection 5.

Sec. 43. Section 331.552, subsection 4, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

4. *a.* Keep the official county seal provided by the county. The official seal shall be an impression seal on the face of which shall appear the name of the county, the word "county", which may be abbreviated, and the word "Iowa". A county shall

have only one official county seal.

*b.* Notwithstanding paragraph *"a"*, the county commissioner of elections may use a facsimile of the official county seal or a modified facsimile of the official county seal for the purposes of election duties set forth in sections 43.36 and 49.51, and section 49.57, subsection 6. If modified, the county seal shall contain the name of the county, the word "county", which may be abbreviated, the word "auditor", which may be abbreviated, and the word "Iowa".

Sec. 44. Section 347.25, subsection 1, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

1. The election of hospital trustees whose offices are established by this chapter or chapter 145A or 347A shall take place at the general election on ballots which shall not reflect a nominee's political affiliation. Nomination shall be made by petition in accordance with chapter 45. The petition form shall be furnished by the county commissioner of elections, shall be signed by fifty eligible electors of the county, and shall be filed with the county commissioner of elections at least sixty-nine days before the date of the election. A plurality is sufficient to elect hospital trustees.

Sec. 45. Section 376.5, Code 2021, is amended to read as follows:

**376.5 Publication of ballot.**

Notice ~~containing a copy of the ballot~~ for each regular, special, primary, or runoff city election ~~must~~ shall be published by the county commissioner of elections as provided in section 362.3, except that notice of a regular, primary, or runoff election may be published not less than four days before the date of the election. The published notice must ~~contain~~ list the names of all candidates, and may not contain any party designations. The published notice must ~~contain~~ include any question to be submitted to the voters. The notice may contain one or more facsimiles of the portion of the ballot containing

the first arrangement of candidates as prescribed by section 49.31, subsection 2.

Sec. 46. REPEAL. Sections 43.80, 49A.10, 49A.11, and 53.34, Code 2021, are repealed.

Sec. 47. REPEAL. 2017 Iowa Acts, chapter 155, section 1, is repealed.

Sec. 48. EFFECTIVE DATE.

1. Except as otherwise provided, this Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

2. The following take effect January 1, 2022:

a. The section of this Act amending section 43.11, subsection 1.

b. The section of this Act amending section 43.16, subsection 2, paragraph "b".

c. The section of this Act amending section 43.24, subsection 1, paragraph "b", subparagraph (2).

d. The section of this Act amending section 43.78, subsection 2.

e. The section of this Act amending section 43.79.

f. The section of this Act amending section 44.4, subsection 2, paragraph "a", subparagraphs (1) and (2).

g. The section of this Act amending section 44.9, subsections 1 and 2.

h. The section of this Act amending section 44.11.

i. The section of this Act amending section 49.58, subsection 1.

j. The section of this Act amending section 50.51, subsection 5.