

25 district, the latter requirement shall take precedence.

26 The council shall make any changes necessary to comply with this  
27 section no earlier than July first and not later than December thirty-  
28 first of each year immediately following a year in which the federal  
29 decennial census is taken, unless the general assembly by joint reso-  
30 lution establishes different dates for such compliance. Any or all of  
31 the publications required by section 49.11 may be made after Decem-  
32 ber thirty-first if necessary.

33 Nothing in this section shall prohibit a city council which has com-  
34 plied with the applicable requirements of this section by December  
35 thirty-first of any year following a year in which the federal decennial  
36 census is taken, from thereafter changing the boundaries of any pre-  
37 cinct in the manner and within the limitations provided by this sec-  
38 tion, at any time prior to or during the year in which the next fed-  
39 eral decennial census is taken, if the council concludes that the  
40 changes in precinct boundaries are necessary to best serve the voters  
41 affected.

42 The secretary of state shall be notified when precinct boundary  
43 lines are changed and a map delineating the new boundary lines sup-  
44 plied.

1 SEC. 3. Section forty-nine point six (49.6), Code 1971, is  
2 amended as follows:

3 **49.6 Power to combine township and city precincts.** The board of  
4 supervisors and the council of any town or city of less than thirty-five  
5 hundred inhabitants, not including the inmates of any state institu-  
6 tion, may combine any part of the township outside of such city with  
7 any or all the wards or precincts thereof as one election precinct, or  
8 change or abolish such precinct. No precinct so created shall have a  
9 total population in excess of three thousand,\* as shown by the most  
10 recent federal decennial census.

1 SEC. 4. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall  
2 take effect and be in force from and after its publication in The Mus-  
3 catine Journal, a newspaper published in Muscatine, Iowa, and in the  
4 Times-Democrat, a newspaper published in Davenport, Iowa.

Approved April 5, 1971.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Act, House File 119, was published in The Musca-  
tine Journal, Muscatine, Iowa, April 9, 1971, and in the Times-Democrat, Davenport,  
Iowa, April 9, 1971.

MELVIN D. SYNHORST, *Secretary of State.*

\*Amended by ch. 98, §23.

## CHAPTER 100

### ELECTION PRECINCTS

H. F. 230

AN ACT relating to election precincts.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 SECTION 1. Section forty-nine point seven (49.7), Code 1971, is  
2 amended as follows:

3 **49.7 Portions of townships combined.** No precinct shall contain  
4 different townships or parts thereof, except where *the board of super-*

5 *visors has combined two or more contiguous townships into one elec-*  
 6 *tion precinct or where, by reason of the existence of a village or incor-*  
 7 *porated town on or near a township line, the board of supervisors may*  
 8 *create a voting precinct in compact form, from said town or village,*  
 9 *and may include therein territory adjoining and adjacent to said vil-*  
 10 *lage or town, which is situated in two or more townships.*

1 SEC. 2. Section forty-nine point ten (49.10), Code 1971, is  
 2 amended by adding the following new subsection:

3 "If two or more contiguous townships have been combined into one  
 4 election precinct by the board of supervisors, the board shall provide  
 5 a polling place which is convenient to all of the electors in the pre-  
 6 cinct."

*Italics indicate new material added to existing statutes; brackets indicate deletions from existing statutes. However, see Editor's note, page iii.*

Approved April 15, 1971.

## CHAPTER 101

### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AND PUBLIC MEASURES

#### H. F. 429

AN ACT relating to preparation of ballots and voting machines for constitutional questions, amendments and public measures.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 SECTION 1. Section forty-nine point forty-three (49.43), Code  
 2 1971, is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 "Following the question, if it be for a constitutional amendment,  
 4 shall be a summary of the amendment worded by the secretary of  
 5 state. The summary shall be used in each county and shall be worded  
 6 the same as the secretary of state has provided for any other means  
 7 of voting on the same amendment."

1 SEC. 2. Section forty-nine point forty-five (49.45), Code of 1971,  
 2 is amended as follows:

3 49.45 **General form of ballot.** Ballots referred to in sections 49.43  
 4 and 49.44 shall be substantially in the following form:

5 "Shall the following amendment to the Yes.....  
 6 constitution (or public measure) be adopted?" No.....

7 (Here insert *the summary, if it be for a constitutional amendment,*  
 8 *and in full the proposed constitutional amendment or public measure.)*

1 SEC. 3. Section fifty-two point twenty-four (52.24), Code 1971,  
 2 is amended as follows:

3 52.24 All of the provisions of the election law now in force and not  
 4 inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter shall apply with full  
 5 force to all counties, cities, and towns adopting the use of voting ma-  
 6 chines. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as prohibiting the  
 7 use of a separate ballot for public measures[, provided, however, that  
 8 separate ballots shall be used for the submission to the people of the  
 9 question of a constitutional convention or amendments or contracting  
 10 state debts].