

CHAPTER 138**ELECTION BOARD MEMBERSHIP***H.F. 546*

AN ACT relating to membership on election boards.

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

Section 1. Section 49.13, subsection 2, Code 2007, is amended to read as follows:

2. ~~Each election board member~~ To the extent necessary, election boards shall be a member include members of one of the two political parties whose candidates for president of the United States or for governor, as the case may be, received the largest and next largest number of votes in the ~~precinct~~ county at the last general election, ~~except that persons not members of either of these parties may be appointed to serve for any election in which no candidates appear on the ballot under the heading of either of these political parties. Election boards may also include persons not members of either of these parties. However, persons who are not members of either of these political parties shall not comprise more than one-third of the membership of an election board.~~

Sec. 2. Section 49.15, Code 2007, is amended to read as follows:

49.15 COMMISSIONER TO DRAW UP ELECTION BOARD PANEL.

Not less than twenty days before each primary election, the commissioner shall draw up for each precinct an election board panel from which members of the precinct election board shall be appointed for each election held in the precinct during the ensuing two years. Each panel shall include members of each of the political parties referred to in section 49.13, whose names may be designated by the county chairpersons of each of these political parties not less than thirty days prior to each primary election. The commissioner may place on the election board panel names of persons known by the commissioner to be members of these political parties, if the respective county chairpersons fail to designate a sufficient number of names, and may also add names of persons, whether or not they are members of either of these political parties, who have advised the commissioner they are willing to serve on the election board ~~for elections in which no candidates appear on the ballot under the heading of either of these political parties, or.~~ The commissioner may also place on the election board panel names of persons whom either the city council of a city of three thousand five hundred or less population or a school board has advised the commissioner at least thirty days before each primary election are willing to serve without pay at elections conducted for that school district or city, as the case may be, during the tenure of the election board panel on which these names are included.

Sec. 3. Section 51.2, Code 2007, is amended to read as follows:

51.2 APPOINTMENT.

The members of the election counting board shall be appointed by the commissioner from the election board panel drawn up as provided by section 49.15. The requirements of section 49.13, relative to political party affiliation of members of the election board ~~appointed to serve for partisan elections~~ shall apply to the membership of the election counting board.

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