

SENATE FILE 2078
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the age at which an elector is eligible to
2 register to vote and to vote in a school district election.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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STATE GOVERNMENT

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1 Section 1. Section 48A.5, subsection 2, paragraph c, Code
2 2005, is amended to read as follows:

3 c. Be at least eighteen years of age. However, for
4 purposes of voting in a school district election, an eligible
5 elector shall be at least seventeen years of age. Completed
6 registration forms shall be accepted from registrants who are
7 at least seventeen ~~and-a-half~~ years of age, ~~however,~~ For all
8 elections except school district elections, the registration
9 shall not be effective until the registrant reaches the age of
10 eighteen.

11 Sec. 2. Section 48A.11, subsection 3, paragraph c, Code
12 Supplement 2005, is amended to read as follows:

13 c. If you checked "no" in response to either of these
14 questions, do not complete this form. However, for purposes
15 of voting in a school district election, you may complete this
16 form if you are at least seventeen years of age.

17 Sec. 3. Section 48A.14, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code
18 2005, is amended to read as follows:

19 b. The challenged registrant is less than seventeen ~~and~~
20 ~~one-half~~ years of age.

21 Sec. 4. Section 48A.23, subsection 1, Code 2005, is
22 amended to read as follows:

23 1. At least twice during each school year, the board of
24 directors of each school district operating a high school and
25 the authorities in charge of each accredited nonpublic school
26 shall offer the opportunity to register to vote to each
27 student who is at least seventeen ~~and-one-half~~ years of age.

28 Sec. 5. Section 48A.26, subsection 9, Code 2005, is
29 amended to read as follows:

30 9. When a person who is at least seventeen ~~and-one-half~~
31 years of age but less than eighteen years of age registers to
32 vote, the commissioner shall maintain a record of the
33 registration so as to clearly indicate that it will not take
34 effect until the registrant's eighteenth birthday and that the
35 person is registered and qualifies to vote at any election

1 held on or after that date. However, for purposes of voting
2 in a school district election, the registration shall take
3 effect immediately.

4 Sec. 6. Section 48A.31, Code 2005, is amended to read as
5 follows:

6 48A.31 DECEASED PERSONS RECORD.

7 The state registrar of vital statistics shall transmit or
8 cause to be transmitted to the state registrar of voters, once
9 each calendar quarter, a certified list of all persons
10 seventeen and-one-half years of age and older in the state
11 whose deaths have been reported to the bureau of vital records
12 of the Iowa department of public health since the previous
13 list of decedents was certified to the state registrar of
14 voters. The list shall be submitted according to the
15 specifications of the state registrar of voters, who shall
16 determine whether each listed decedent was registered to vote
17 in this state. If the decedent was registered in a county
18 which uses its own data processing facilities for voter
19 registration recordkeeping, the registrar shall notify the
20 commissioner in that county who shall cancel the decedent's
21 registration. If the decedent was registered in a county for
22 which voter registration recordkeeping is performed under
23 contract by the registrar, the registrar shall immediately
24 cancel the registration and notify the commissioner of the
25 county in which the decedent was registered to vote of the
26 cancellation.

27 Sec. 7. Section 49.81, subsection 4, Code 2005, is amended
28 to read as follows:

29 4. The individual envelopes used for each provisional
30 ballot cast pursuant to subsection 1 shall have printed on
31 them the following:

32 I believe I am a registered voter of this county and I am
33 eligible to vote in this election. I registered to vote in
34 county on or about at My name at that
35 time was I have not moved to a different county since

1 that time. I am a United States citizen, at least eighteen
2 years of age or seventeen years of age in the case of a school
3 district election.

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5 (signature of voter) (date)

6 The following information is to be provided by the precinct
7 election official:

8 Reason for challenge:

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11 Did not present required identification form.

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13 (signature of precinct

14 election official)

15 The precinct election official shall attach a completed
16 voter registration form from each provisional voter unless the
17 person's registration status is listed in the election
18 register as pending.

19 EXPLANATION

20 This bill allows a person at least 17 years of age to
21 register to vote. The bill also allows an elector who is at
22 least 17 years of age, and who has registered to vote, to vote
23 in school district elections.

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