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Recall bill*

House File 438

By STANLEY.

Passed House, Date.....

Passed Senate, Date.....

Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....

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Approved.....

*Recall bill from H
4/22*

A BILL FOR

An Act relating to the depositing of election ballots.

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

1 Section 1. Section forty-nine point eighty-five

2 (49.85), Code 1962, is hereby repealed and the following

3 is adopted in lieu thereof:

4 "The voter shall promptly deposit such ballot in the

5 ballot box in the presence of one of the judges of election,

6 and the voter shall quit said inclosed space as soon as

7 he has voted."

1 Sec. 2. Section forty-nine point eighty-four (49.84),

2 Code 1962, is hereby amended by striking in lines seven

3 (7) and eight (8) the words "and deliver the same to

4 one of the judges of election".

EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 438

This bill will eliminate the practice of requiring the voter to hand his ballot to an election judge, and will allow the voter to deposit his own ballot directly in the ballot box in the presence of the election judge.

The marks on a ballot may show through on the back side of the ballot. When the ballot must be handed to an election judge, he may be able to see how the ballot is marked. Also, the voter sometimes fears that fraud or substitution could take place when the election judge handles the ballot.

The Iowa voter is an independent person who prefers to deposit his own ballot without letting it go through other hands.