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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to applications for absentee ballots by eligible  
2 electors.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 53.2, unnumbered paragraph 6, Code  
2 2001, is amended to read as follows:

3 If an application for an absentee ballot is received from  
4 an eligible elector who is not a registered voter the  
5 commissioner shall send a registration form under section  
6 48A.8 ~~and an absentee ballot~~ to the eligible elector. ~~If the~~  
7 ~~application is received so late that it is unlikely that the~~  
8 ~~registration form can be returned in time to be effective on~~  
9 ~~election day, the~~ The commissioner shall enclose with the  
10 ~~absentee ballot~~ registration form a notice ~~to that effect,~~  
11 informing the ~~voter~~ elector of the registration time limits in  
12 section 48A.9 and informing the elector that only a registered  
13 voter may request an absentee ballot. ~~The commissioner shall~~  
14 ~~record on the elector's application that the elector is not~~  
15 ~~currently registered to vote. If the registration form is~~  
16 ~~properly returned by the time provided by section 48A.9, the~~  
17 ~~commissioner shall record on the elector's application the~~  
18 ~~date of receipt of the registration form and enter a notation~~  
19 ~~of the registration on the registration records.~~

20 EXPLANATION

21 Current law provides that if an eligible elector who is not  
22 registered to vote applies for an absentee ballot, the county  
23 commissioner of elections is required to send a voter  
24 registration form with the absentee ballot.

25 This bill provides that if an eligible elector who is not  
26 registered to vote applies for an absentee ballot, the county  
27 commissioner of elections is required to send the elector a  
28 voter registration form and a notice informing the elector of  
29 the registration deadlines and informing the elector that only  
30 a registered voter may request an absentee ballot.

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