

SENATE FILE 122  
BY HANSEN

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to determining the number of ballots to be  
2 delivered to polling places for primary and general elections.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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STATE GOVERNMENT

1 Section 1. Section 49.64, Code 2001, is amended to read as  
2 follows:

3 49.64 NUMBER OF BALLOTS DELIVERED.

4 The commissioner shall ~~cause ballots of the kind to be~~  
5 ~~voted in each precinct, to be delivered~~ deliver to the  
6 precinct election officials ~~as follows:--in general elections~~  
7 ~~which are presidential elections seventy-five ballots for~~  
8 ~~every fifty votes, or fraction thereof, cast in said precinct~~  
9 ~~at the last preceding general election which was also a~~  
10 ~~presidential election, and in general elections which are not~~  
11 ~~presidential elections, seventy-five ballots for every fifty~~  
12 ~~votes, or fraction thereof, cast therein at the last preceding~~  
13 ~~general election which was not a presidential election a~~  
14 sufficient number of ballots of each kind to be voted in the  
15 precinct. In determining the number of ballots, the  
16 commissioner shall take into consideration the number of  
17 active and inactive registered voters in the precinct, the  
18 number of people who voted in the precinct in previous similar  
19 elections, the number of contested and uncontested races on  
20 the ballot, public measures appearing on the ballot, and the  
21 local political conditions that may affect participation in  
22 the election.

23 EXPLANATION

24 This bill eliminates the mathematical formula for  
25 calculating the number of ballots to be delivered to polling  
26 places for primary and general elections and instead allows  
27 the county commissioner of elections to make the decision  
28 based upon voter registration figures, previous turnout, the  
29 content of the ballot, and other local political conditions.

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