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SENATE FILE 316
BY HANSEN

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to work schedules at polling places.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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SF 316 STATE GOVERNMENT

1 Section 1. Section 49.14, subsection 1, Code 2001, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. The commissioner may appoint substitute precinct
4 election officials as alternates for election board members.

5 ~~A majority of the original election board members shall be~~
6 ~~present at the precinct polling place at all times;~~ The
7 commissioner may use substitute precinct election officials to
8 create multiple work shifts for polling places on election
9 day. Shifts and work schedules shall be arranged at the

10 discretion of the commissioner provided that at partisan
11 elections ~~such majority~~ the composition of the election board
12 shall include at least one precinct election official from
13 each political party. If the chairperson leaves the polling
14 place, the chairperson shall designate another member of the
15 board to serve as chairperson until the chairperson returns.
16 The responsibilities and duties of a precinct election
17 official present at the time the polling place was opened on
18 the day of an election may be assumed at any later time that
19 day by a substitute appointed as an alternate. The substitute
20 shall serve either for the balance of that election day or for
21 any shorter period of time the commissioner may designate.

22 EXPLANATION

23 This bill allows a county commissioner of elections to
24 utilize substitute precinct election officials to create
25 multiple work shifts at polling places on election day. Such
26 discretion will allow the commissioner to prevent election
27 officials from working excessively long shifts.

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