

SENATE FILE 330
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the availability of absentee voter lists.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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SF 330
STATE GOVERNMENT

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 53.19A LISTS OF ABSENTEE VOTERS.

2 1. Any person may request of the commissioner and shall
3 receive, upon payment of the cost of preparation, a list of
4 absentee voters in accordance with the following requirements
5 and limitations:

6 a. The commissioner shall prepare each list requested
7 within three days of receipt of the request, except that the
8 commissioner shall not be required to prepare any list within
9 five days of the election for which the list is requested.

10 b. Each list shall be as current as possible, but shall in
11 all cases reflect absentee voter activity recorded by the
12 commissioner seven or more days before preparation of the
13 list.

14 c. Each list shall be in the order and form specified by
15 the list purchaser, and shall contain the absentee voter data
16 specified by the list purchaser, provided that compliance with
17 the request is within the capability of the record maintenance
18 system used by the commissioner.

19 d. Absentee voter information shall be maintained in an
20 electronic medium. The commissioner shall prepare updates to
21 lists at least weekly. All updates shall be made available to
22 all requesters at the same time, and shall be in the order and
23 form specified by each requester.

24 2. The commissioner shall maintain a log of the name,
25 address, and telephone number of every person who receives a
26 list under this section, and of every person who reviews
27 absentee voter records in the office of the commissioner.
28 Logs maintained under this subsection are public records, and
29 shall be available for public inspection at reasonable times.

30 3. Information about absentee voters obtained from
31 absentee voter records shall be used only for a genuine
32 political purpose, or for a bona fide official purpose by an
33 elected official, or for bona fide political research, but
34 shall not be used for any commercial purposes. A person who
35 uses absentee voter information in violation of this section

1 commits a serious misdemeanor.

2 4. Lists of absentee voters shall be preserved and
3 destroyed in the same manner as are ballots for elections
4 under section 50.19.

5 EXPLANATION

6 This bill requires county commissioners of elections to
7 maintain, and make available to the public upon request, lists
8 of absentee voters. The lists must be maintained in an
9 electronic medium and shall be updated weekly. A requested
10 list is to be prepared within three days of receipt of the
11 request. An absentee voters list may be requested up to five
12 days before the election for which the list is requested.

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