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1 An Act relating to voter registration forms, voter identification
2 numbers, and voter registration lists.

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

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2 2001, is amended to read as follows:

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8 authorized purposes.

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10 NUMBER.

11 Each person registered to vote in this state shall be
12 assigned a registration identification number which shall be a
13 unique identifier correlated with the registrant's social
14 security number. The state voter registration commission
15 shall prescribe by rule the numbering system to be used by
16 each county in assigning registration identification numbers.

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20 complete and proper, the acknowledgment shall state that the
21 registrant is now a registered voter of the county. The
22 acknowledgement shall contain the registrant's registration
23 identification number. The acknowledgment shall also specify
24 the name of the precinct and the usual polling place for the
25 precinct in which the person is now registered. The
26 acknowledgment may include the political party affiliation
27 most recently recorded by the registrant.

28 Sec. 4. Section 48A.30, subsection 1, paragraph d, Code
29 2001, is amended to read as follows:

30 d. The clerk of the district court, or the United States
31 attorney, or the state registrar sends notice of the
32 registered voter's conviction of a felony as defined in
33 section 701.7, or conviction of an offense classified as a
34 felony under federal law. The clerk of the district court
35 shall monthly send notice a list of a felony conviction

1 convictions during the preceding calendar month to the state
2 registrar of voters. The registrar shall determine in which
3 county the felon is registered to vote, if any, and shall
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5 of the felony conviction.

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12 such declarations adjudicated in the previous calendar month
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14 determine in which county the person is registered to vote, if
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18 follows:

19 48A.31 DECEASED PERSONS RECORD.

20 The state registrar of vital statistics shall transmit or
21 cause to be transmitted to the state registrar of voters, once
22 each calendar-quarter month, a certified list of all persons
23 seventeen and one-half years of age and older in the state
24 whose deaths have been reported to the records and statistics
25 division of the Iowa department of public health since the
26 previous list of decedents was certified to the state
27 registrar of voters. The list shall be submitted according to
28 the specifications of the state registrar of voters, who shall
29 determine whether each listed decedent was registered to vote
30 in this state. If the decedent was registered in a county
31 which uses its own data processing facilities for voter
32 registration recordkeeping, the registrar shall notify the
33 commissioner in that county who shall cancel the decedent's
34 registration. If the decedent was registered in a county for
35 which voter registration recordkeeping is performed under

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14 the voter registration form was submitted remains
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1 Sec. 10. Section 48A.38, subsection 1, Code 2001, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. f. The county commissioner of registration
4 and the state registrar of voters shall remove a voter's
5 social security number from a voter registration list prepared
6 pursuant to this section. However, the list may contain the
7 registration identification number assigned to a voter, if
8 requested.

9 EXPLANATION

10 This bill makes a number of changes to the voter
11 registration law.

12 The bill requires that each person registering to vote
13 supply their social security number on the registration form.
14 The form is to include a statement informing the registrant
15 that the registrant's social security number will not be
16 disclosed except to election officials for authorized
17 purposes. The bill requires that a registration
18 identification number be assigned to each registrant. The
19 identification number is to correlate with the registrant's
20 social security number. The bill requires the state voter
21 registration system to prescribe by rule the numbering system
22 to be used by counties in assigning registration
23 identification numbers.

24 The bill repeats in the voter registration Code chapter the
25 requirement found elsewhere in the Code that the clerk of
26 district court monthly send a list of the persons convicted of
27 a felony or declared mentally incompetent to vote in the
28 preceding calendar month. The bill also changes the time
29 period in which the state registrar of vital statistics is
30 required to send a list of deceased persons to the state
31 registrar of voters from each calendar quarter to monthly.

32 The bill provides that the state registrar of voters shall
33 not be required to prepare a requested list of registered
34 voters within six days of any regularly scheduled election,
35 rather than within seven days of the close of registration.

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