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STATE GOVERNMENT

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to elections by making changes concerning
2 requirements for entrances to certain polling places,
3 arrangement of names on the ballot for nonpartisan offices,
4 and election registers.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 49.10, subsection 4, Code 2005, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 4. ~~No~~ A single room or area of any building or facility
4 ~~shall~~ may be fixed as the polling place for more than one
5 precinct ~~unless-there-are-separate-entrances-each.~~ The
6 location of each polling place shall be clearly marked within
7 the room or area on the days on which elections are held as
8 the ~~entrance-to~~ location of the polling place of a particular
9 precinct, and suitable arrangements ~~are~~ shall be made within
10 the room or area to prevent direct access from the polling
11 place of any precinct to the polling place of any other
12 precinct. When the commissioner has fixed such a polling
13 place for any precinct it shall remain the polling place at
14 all subsequent elections, except elections for which the
15 precinct is merged with another precinct as permitted by
16 section 49.11, until the boundaries of the precinct are
17 changed or the commissioner fixes a new polling place, except
18 that the polling place shall be changed to a point within the
19 boundaries of the precinct at any time not less than sixty
20 days before the next succeeding election that a building or
21 facility suitable for such use becomes available within the
22 precinct.

23 Sec. 2. Section 49.31, subsection 2, unnumbered paragraph
24 2, Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:

25 On the general election ballot the names of candidates for
26 the nonpartisan offices listed in section 39.21 shall be
27 arranged by drawing lots for position. ~~The board-of~~
28 ~~supervisors~~ commissioner shall hold the drawing ~~at-its-first~~
29 ~~meeting~~ on the first business day following the deadline for
30 ~~receipt-of-objections-and-withdrawals-by-candidates~~ filing of
31 nomination certificates or petitions with the commissioner for
32 the general election pursuant to section 44.4.

33 Sec. 3. Section 49.77, subsections 1 and 2, Code 2005, are
34 amended to read as follows:

35 1. The board members of their respective precincts shall

1 have charge of the ballots and furnish them to the voters.
2 Any person desiring to vote shall sign a voter's declaration
3 provided by the officials, in substantially the following
4 form:

5 VOTER'S DECLARATION OF ELIGIBILITY

6 I do solemnly swear or affirm that I am a resident of the
7 precinct, ward or township, city of, county
8 of, Iowa.

9 I am a registered voter. I have not voted and will not
10 vote in any other precinct in said election.

11 I understand that any false statement in this declaration
12 is a criminal offense punishable as provided by law.

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14 Signature of Voter

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16 Address

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18 Telephone

19 Approved:

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21 Board Member

22 At the discretion of the commissioner, this declaration may
23 be printed on each page of the election register and the voter
24 shall sign the election register next to the voter's printed
25 name. The voter's signature in the election register shall be
26 considered the voter's signed declaration of eligibility
27 affidavit. The state commissioner of elections shall
28 prescribe by rule an alternate method for providing the
29 information in subsection 2 for those counties where the
30 declaration of eligibility is printed in the election
31 register. The state voter registration system shall be
32 designed to allow for the affidavit to be printed on each page
33 of the election register and to allow sufficient space for the
34 voter's signature.

35 2. One of the precinct election officials shall announce

1 the voter's name aloud for the benefit of any persons present
2 pursuant to section 49.104, subsection 2, 3, or 5. Any If the
3 declaration of eligibility is not printed on each page of the
4 election register, any of those persons may upon request view
5 the signed declarations of eligibility and may review the
6 signed declarations on file so long as the person does not
7 interfere with the functions of the precinct election
8 officials. If the declaration of eligibility is printed on
9 the election register, the precinct election official shall
10 make available for viewing a listing of those voters who have
11 signed declarations of eligibility. Any of those persons
12 present pursuant to section 49.104, subsection 2, 3, or 5, may
13 upon request view the listing of those voters who have signed
14 declarations of eligibility, so long as the person does not
15 interfere with the functions of the precinct election
16 officials.

17 EXPLANATION

18 This bill makes changes relating to the conduct of
19 elections.

20 The bill removes the requirement that a room or area
21 containing a polling place for more than one precinct maintain
22 separate entrances.

23 The bill provides that on general election ballots the
24 names of candidates for nonpartisan offices shall be drawn by
25 lot by the county commissioner of elections, rather than the
26 board of supervisors. The bill also provides that the drawing
27 shall be conducted on the first business day following the
28 deadline for filing candidate nomination certificates or
29 petitions with the county commissioner of elections.

30 The bill allows a county commissioner of elections to print
31 the affidavit of eligibility on each page of the election
32 register, and the signature of the voter in the register next
33 to the voter's printed name serves as that voter's declaration
34 of eligibility. The state commissioner of elections is
35 required to adopt rules providing an alternative method for

1 observers allowed at the polling place to view a listing of
2 those voters who have signed on the election register. The
3 bill also provides that the state voter registration system
4 shall be designed to accommodate affidavits and declarations
5 of eligibility being printed and signed on the election
6 register.

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