

SENATE FILE **2371**
BY COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3130)

Passed Senate, Date _____ Passed House, Date _____
Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____ Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to satellite absentee voting at city primary and
2 city runoff elections.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 53.11, subsection 1, Code Supplement
2 2005, is amended to read as follows:

3 1. Satellite absentee voting stations may be established
4 throughout the cities and county at the direction of the
5 commissioner and shall be established upon receipt of a
6 petition signed by not less than one hundred eligible electors
7 requesting that a satellite absentee voting station be
8 established at a location to be described on the petition.
9 However, if a special election is scheduled in the county on a
10 date that falls between the date of the regular city election
11 and the date of the city runoff election, the commissioner is
12 not required to establish a satellite absentee voting station
13 for the city runoff election.

14 PARAGRAPH DIVIDED. A satellite absentee voting station
15 established by petition must be open at least one day for a
16 minimum of six hours. A satellite absentee voting station
17 established at the direction of the commissioner or by
18 petition may remain open until five p.m. on the day before the
19 election.

20 Sec. 2. Section 53.11, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code
21 Supplement 2005, is amended to read as follows:

22 b. For the regular city election or a city primary
23 election, no later than five p.m. on the thirtieth day before
24 the election.

25 Sec. 3. Section 53.11, subsection 2, Code Supplement 2005,
26 is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

27 NEW PARAGRAPH. bb. For a city runoff election, no later
28 than five p.m. on the twenty-first day before the election.

29 Sec. 4. Section 53.11, Code Supplement 2005, is amended by
30 adding the following new subsection:

31 NEW SUBSECTION. 5. If the only newspaper of general
32 circulation in the city is published once weekly or less
33 frequently, and it is not feasible for the commissioner to
34 publish notice in that newspaper of the location of a
35 satellite absentee voting station for a city runoff election

1 at least seven days before the opening of the station,
2 notwithstanding any publication or posting requirements to the
3 contrary, the commissioner shall post notice of the location
4 at least seven days before the opening of the station on the
5 commissioner's website, at each satellite absentee voting
6 station, at the county courthouse, at the city hall of the
7 city for which the runoff election is being conducted, and at
8 the public library of such city. In addition, the
9 commissioner shall provide written notice of the location of
10 the satellite absentee voting station to the candidates named
11 on the ballot for the city runoff election.

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EXPLANATION

13 This bill provides that satellite absentee voting stations
14 may be used for city primary elections and city runoff
15 elections. The bill also provides, however, that if there is
16 a special election scheduled between the day of the regular
17 city election and the day of the runoff election, the county
18 commissioner of elections is not required to establish a
19 satellite absentee voting station for the runoff election.

20 The bill also allows posting of notice of location of a
21 satellite absentee voting station for a city runoff election
22 if it is not feasible to publish the notice in a timely
23 manner.

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5 the election.

6 Sec. 2. Section 53.11, subsection 2, Code Supplement 2005,
7 is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

8 NEW PARAGRAPH. bb. For a city runoff election, no later
9 than five p.m. on the fourteenth day before the election.

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EXPLANATION

11 This bill provides that satellite absentee voting stations
12 may be used for city primary elections and city runoff
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