



IOWA HOUSE DEMOCRATS

BILL and Amendment SUMMARY

SOS Policy Bill HF 2252

Status of Bill: State Government Committee
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Summary

Section One

Clarifies that a person who is required to register as sex offender is not eligible to participate in the safe at home program.

Section Two

This conforms special election dates for school board and community college elections with the blackout dates that were implemented in last year's voter suppression bill.

Section Three

This section conforms the timing of an objection to a nomination, by extending it from not less than 74 days to not less than 68 days from the Election

Section Four

This section allows for proof of residence to be determined on an electronic device. This will allow someone to prove residence from a bill that they have on their cell phone.

Section Five

This section allows for a deceased voter to be removed by a sibling, spouse, or an internet obituary from a license funeral home. A representative of an estate can also certify the death of a voter.

Section Six

This section allows for an attester to show the voter identification card as a form of ID at the polls.

Section Seven

This section cleans up language for written oaths by establishing that a preregistered voter will not sign more than two oaths for the identity and residence of another person.

Section Eight

Changes the audit requirements that were established in the voter suppression bill by no longer requiring all absentee precincts be counted by hand, but only a sampling. The section also clarifies that the representative of each political party of the highest vote getter be invited to the audit but not be required to attend for the audit take place.

Section Nine

Clarifies that at least one examiner is to be required in cyber security.

Section Ten

This section is another clarification from the voter suppression bill that a person who vote early at the county auditor's office must provide their voter verification number on their voter identification card.

Section Eleven

Removes aggravated misdemeanor as a disqualification for holding elective office. This is to match the Iowa Supreme Court decision.

Amendment Summary

H-8036 by Winckler of Scott

This amendment allows for a person who is registering at the polls but has been registered previously at another precinct to use their voter identification card issued by a county auditor or the Secretary of State as a means of identification.

H-8037 by Winckler of Scott

Currently a voter identification card is only used if a person is not able to show a photo identification card. This would allow the voter identification card to be used a primary means of identification at the polls.