

House File 130 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the absentee voting period.

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

1 Section 1. Section 53.8, subsection 1, paragraph a,
2 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2023, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 Upon receipt of an application for an absentee ballot
5 and immediately after the absentee ballots are printed, but
6 not more than ~~twenty~~ forty days before the election, the
7 commissioner shall mail an absentee ballot to the applicant
8 within twenty-four hours, except as otherwise provided in
9 subsection 3. The absentee ballot shall be sent to the
10 registered voter by one of the following methods:

11 Sec. 2. Section 53.10, subsection 1, Code 2023, is amended
12 to read as follows:

13 1. Not more than ~~twenty~~ forty days before the date of the
14 primary election or the general election, the commissioner
15 shall provide facilities for absentee voting in person at the
16 commissioner's office. This service shall also be provided
17 for other elections as soon as the ballots are ready, but in
18 no case shall absentee ballots be available under [this section](#)
19 more than ~~twenty~~ forty days before an election.

20 Sec. 3. Section 53.11, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code 2023,
21 is amended to read as follows:

22 a. Not more than ~~twenty~~ forty days before the date of
23 an election, satellite absentee voting stations shall be
24 established upon receipt of a petition signed by not less than
25 one hundred eligible electors requesting that a satellite
26 absentee voting station be established at a location to be
27 described on the petition. However, if a special election is
28 scheduled in the county on a date that falls between the date
29 of the regular city election and the date of the city runoff
30 election, the commissioner is not required to establish a
31 satellite absentee voting station for the city runoff election.

32 EXPLANATION

33 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
34 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

35 This bill changes the start of the absentee voting period

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1 from not more than 20 days before the date of an election to not
2 more than 40 days before the date of an election.