

HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill:	House File 716 (HSB 245)	House Committee:	PASSED April 13 (16-9)
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Caucus Integrity

- Requires participation at a precinct caucus to be in person and by individuals registered with that party 70 days beforehand.
- Strikes requirement that the Secretary of State participates in the Election Registration Information Center for voter registration maintenance and code clean up in that section.

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1 – Voter at caucus — qualifications (Iowa Code 43.91)

Amends code to require participants of a precinct caucus to have been registered with the party for 70 days prior to the caucus and that participation is required to be in person.

Section 2 – State registrar of voters (Iowa Code 47.7(3)(1))

Strikes the requirement to use the Election Registration Information Center (ERIC) to conduct voter registration maintenance.

Section 3 – State registrar of voters (Iowa Code 47.7(3)(d))

Code cleanup

Section 4 – State registrar of voters (Iowa Code 47.7(3)(e))

Strikes from code “eligible but unregistered voters” as information to update in the state voter registration system.

Section 5 – Lists of voters (Iowa Code 48A.38)

Authorizes the Secretary of State to charge a credit card processing fee, not to exceed the cost of processing a credit card payment, for voter list requests.

Amendment Analysis

H-1260 by Kaufmann

In the case of a tie for the nomination of an Iowa Senator or Representative the precinct committee members of precincts within the district shall select the winning candidate between the candidates who tied.

H-_____ by Kaufmann

Amends the bill to require in person participation in the caucus is required in person only if the state central committee chooses to select its delegates as part of the caucus.

Authorizes the state central committees to set rules for participation and voting for precinct caucuses, including voter registration requirements.