

Election Integrity Act of 2017
Overview

FIRST PRIORITY is voter verification.

Ensures that registered voters are who they say they are when they vote and that they vote only once.

Applies to currently registered voters

Also applies to absentee ballots.

1. Require ID of all voters at polling site: use existing Iowa DLs/passports/military IDs for all who have them and issue new free IDs to all active voters who don't have DOT-issued IDs
Require ID number on all absentee ballot requests. Requests without PINs returned to voter to cure.
2. Election officials verify signatures, with the signature presumed to be valid unless obviously signed by someone else.
3. Forms a revolving loan fund to enable counties to deploy pollbook systems, acquire E-pollbooks in all precincts and update security. IDs will be scanned on the pollbooks.

SECOND PRIORITY is shoring up voter confidence related to absentee voting and voter registration.

1. Create an "earliest date to request" absentee ballot at 120 days.
The requests would not be filled until the ballots are ready, about 45 days before a general election. Presently voters can mail an absentee ballot request AT ANY TIME, even years before an election.
2. Move latest date to request absentee ballot by mail to 10/11 days before election.
This moves the mailed-in request time frame to accommodate current postal office delivery standards. Presently the deadline is the Friday before the election, which is essentially impossible to get the ballot to the voter.
3. Cancels voter registration of people who swear on jury questionnaire they are not citizens.

THIRD PRIORITY is improved transparency in election administration:

1. Establish post-election audits after new officials have been sworn in.
This would not impact the results of the election. It would, however, affirm the results or illuminate problems that need to be addressed.
2. Require county auditors to certify to SOS when they complete mandated election training, logic and accuracy tests, and publications.

EFFECTIVE DATES:

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| 7-1-17 | Voter ID with "soft" roll-out |
| 7-1-17 | Jury declination / Voter registration cancellations |
| 1-1-18 | Absentee ballots provisions |
| 1-1-19 | Voter ID with failsafe |