

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	8 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Barnhart, Berger, Dembrow, Hicks, Holvey, Hoyle, Jenson, Garrett
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Kennemer
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Meeting Dates:	3/11, 4/15

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Renames card issued to voters upon registration, or update to registration, to “voter notification card.” Makes permissive requirement for county clerks to mail notification card to voters when precinct changes occur. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- County clerk office ability to meet needs of voters
- Flexibility to rural county that does not have demand to be open at 7 a.m.
- Provide flexibility for counties that have adjusted business hours to close before 5:00 p.m.
- Cost of notifying voters when precinct changes
- Role of vote-by-mail
- Requirement for notification of business hours for county clerk offices
- Reasons for voters accessing county clerk office on election day
- Cost control for counties
- Impact on voters

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Removes changes to hours of business for county clerk on election days. Removes provision allowing Secretary of State to approve automated system for county clerks to use to verify signatures of voters who cast ballots.

BACKGROUND: When a voter registers to vote, updates their voter registration information, or the boundaries of voters precinct change, the county clerk is required to send to the voter a memorandum card of convenient size containing the name and residence address of the elector, the name or number of the precinct in which the elector resides, and a brief statement of the circumstances under which the elector is required to register or update a registration.

House Bill 2739-A renames the memorandum card as “voter notification card” and removes requirement for county clerks to mail notification card to voters when precinct changes occur.