

Iowa Voter Registration Commission
Minutes: 30 March 2022, 10:00 AM CT

The Voter Registration Commission convened on Wednesday, 30 March 2022, in the Secretary of State Conference Room at the Lucas State Office Building. Commissioners Burhans, Smithson, Bonham, and Davison-Rippey participated via phone.

1. Call to Order

Meeting officially called to order by Chairwoman Burhans at 10:00 AM CT.

2. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Bonham moved to approve the minutes from the 29 December 2021 meeting; Commissioner Davison-Rippey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Business

Legal Counsel Molly Widen reviewed the legislative change that has caused a change to the State of Iowa Official Voter Registration Form. In Iowa Code Chapter 902.9(e) the maximum fine for a class "D" felony was changed to \$10,245.00. Iowa Code Chapter 48A.11(b) states that the penalty for submission of a false voter registration form shall be the penalty provided by §902.9(e) and shall be included on the state voter registration form. Therefore the maximum fine listed in the WARNING box on the state voter registration form needed to be updated to accurately reflect Iowa Code. Commissioner Bonham moved to approve updating the State of Iowa Official Voter Registration Form by changing the maximum fine from \$7,500.00 to \$10,245.00; Commissioner Smithson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Update

Chairwoman Burhans asked Legal Counsel Widen to provide an update on the status of case CVCV062715 (POLK) because she had received word of the change just prior to this Voter Registration Commission meeting commencing. To avoid violation of the open meetings law, she did not want the Commission to discuss the matter in any detail. A status conference has been scheduled for late April.

5. Adjournment

Commissioner Smithson motioned for the Commission to adjourn; Commissioner Davison-Rippey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned.