

## **Iowa Voter Registration Commission**

Minutes: April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 10:30 a.m.

The Voter Registration Commission meeting was called to order on Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019, at 10:33 A.M., in the SOS Conference Room at the Lucas State Office Building by Deputy Secretary of State and Commission Chairperson Christy Wilson. Commissioner Susan Bonham and Commissioner Kevin Geiken attended the meeting via telephone, Commissioner Charlie Smithson was present in-person. Linn County Auditor Joel Miller, Linn County Deputy Commissioner of Election Rebecca Stonawski, and Woodbury County Auditor Patrick Gill attended the meeting in person. Elections staff members, Heidi Burhans, Molly Widen, and Heather Livingood were also present.

### **1. Call to Order**

Meeting officially called to order by Commissioner Wilson at 10:33 A.M.

### **2. Approval of 3-13-2019 Minutes**

Motioned by Commissioner Geiken, second by Commissioner Smithson to approve the minutes of the meeting on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019. All Ayes. Minutes Approved.

### **3. Old Business**

- a. Administrative Rule Update
  - i. 17-year old
  - ii. Rulemaking Procedure
  
- b. Linn County Petitions for Rulemaking
  - i. Petition filed in 2017
  - ii. Petition filed in 2018

Commissioner Wilson introduced elections staff member and legal counsel Molly Widen to provide the commission with the administrative rule updates for 17-year old and rulemaking procedure. Next the petitions for rulemaking were addressed. Elections staff member Molly Widen advised the commission to decline the petition filed in 2017. Discussion about jurisdictional authority was brought up. Commissioner Smithson motioned to table the petition filed in 2017 until the May meeting to allow further research into the authority of the VRC to approve the requests made in 2017 petition. Commissioner Geiken second: All Ayes. Motion to table passed.

Motion to dismiss the petition filed by Linn County in 2018 with intent of acting upon the proposed administrative rules listed below. Motion to dismiss by Commissioner Smithson, second by Commissioner Bonham. All Ayes. Motion passed.

**4. New Business**

- a. Proposed Administrative Rules - Voter Registration Forms Produced by Electronic Pollbooks
- b. Legislative Update

Elections staff member Molly Widen updated the commission on the proposed administrative rules along with providing the deadlines for comments and filing the rules as well as giving a legislative update. Legislative update included updates on HF 692, which could affect No Activity and NCOA mailings.

Commissioner Smithson motioned for notice of intended action to begin the process of filing the proposed administrative rules regarding voter registration forms produced by electronic pollbooks. Commissioner Geiken second: All Ayes. Motion passed.

**5. Adjournment**

Commissioner Smithson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bonham. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 11:18 A.M.