

Iowa Voter Registration Commission

Minutes: July 6, 1:30 P.M.

The Voter Registration Commission meeting was called to order on Wednesday, July 6, 2016 at 2:00 P.M., in the SOS Conference Room at the Lucas State Office Building by Deputy Secretary of State and Commission Chairperson Carol Olson. Commissioner Ben Foecke, Commissioner Susan Bonham and Commissioner Chad Olsen also were present via telephone. Director of Elections Dawn Williams, SOS Law Clerk Sable Joseph and Election Division staff member Mike Sievers also were present.

1. Call to Order

Called to order by Deputy Secretary of State and Commission Chairperson Olson at 2:00 P.M.

2. Approval of 4-5-2016 minutes

Motioned by Commissioner Bonham, second by Commissioner Foecke to accept the minutes of the meeting on April 5, 2016. All Ayes.

3. Overview of Griffin v. Pate decision

Sable Joseph provided an overview of the Griffin v. Pate decision. Chairperson Carol Olson added that no adjustments need to be made to the voter registration form.

4. Voter Registration Form Gender to Sex Change – ARC 2548c

Chairperson Carol Olson provided an overview of ARC 2548c regarding terminology on the voter registration form. Commissioner Olson stated the rule simply makes the terminology consistent with state law. Motion by Commissioner Bonham, second by Commissioner Chad Olsen to adopt ARC 2548c. Roll call vote: Foecke, Aye; Olsen, Aye; Olson, Aye; Bonham, Aye. Motion carried.

5. Customer Assessment of I-Voters

Chairperson Carol Olson provided an overview of focus groups with county auditors regarding an assessment of I-Voters.

6. File Correspondence

Chairperson Carol Olson explained that a letter was addressed to the commission, but noted it did not include VRC business. A copy was provided to the commissioners.

7. Automation of Voter List Requests

Election Division team member Mike Sievers provided an overview of the process to automate voter list requests via the Secretary of State website.

8. Overview of ADA Compliancy

Director of Elections Dawn Williams provided a summary of ADA compliance with the DOT website, which includes Online Voter Registration.

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 2:25 P.M. by Commissioner Chad Olsen, second by Commissioner Bonham.