

Senate File 415

S-3067

1 Amend Senate File 415 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, after line 27 by inserting:

3 <Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 49.37, subsection 1, Code 2015,  
4 is amended to read as follows:

5 1. For general elections, and for other elections  
6 in which more than one partisan office will be filled,  
7 ~~the first section of the ballot shall be for straight~~  
8 ~~party voting arranged as provided in this section.~~

9 ~~a. Each political party or organization which has~~  
10 ~~nominated candidates for more than one office shall be~~  
11 ~~listed. Instructions to the voter for straight party~~  
12 ~~or organization voting shall be in substantially the~~  
13 ~~following form:~~

14 ~~To vote for all candidates from a single party or~~  
15 ~~organization, mark the voting target next to the party~~  
16 ~~or organization name. Not all parties or organizations~~  
17 ~~have nominated candidates for all offices. Marking a~~  
18 ~~straight party or organization vote does not include~~  
19 ~~votes for nonpartisan offices, judges, or questions.~~

20 ~~b. Political parties and nonparty political~~  
21 ~~organizations which have nominated candidates for only~~  
22 ~~one office shall be listed below the other political~~  
23 ~~organizations under the following heading:~~

24 ~~Other Political Organizations. The following~~  
25 ~~organizations have nominated candidates for only one~~  
26 ~~office:~~

27 ~~c. Offices shall be arranged in groups. Partisan~~  
28 ~~offices, nonpartisan offices, judges, and public~~  
29 ~~measures shall be separated by a distinct line~~  
30 ~~appearing on the ballot.~~

31 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 49.37, Code 2015, is amended by  
32 adding the following new subsection:

33 NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. Offices shall be arranged in  
34 groups. Partisan offices, nonpartisan offices, judges,  
35 and public measures shall be separated by a distinct  
36 line appearing on the ballot.

37 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 49.57, subsection 2, Code 2015,  
38 is amended to read as follows:

39 2. ~~In the area of the general election ballot for~~  
40 ~~straight party voting, the party or organization names~~  
41 ~~shall be printed in upper case and lower case letters~~  
42 ~~using a uniform font size for each political party or~~  
43 ~~nonparty political organization. The font size shall~~  
44 ~~be not less than twelve point type. After the name~~  
45 ~~of each candidate for a partisan office the name of~~  
46 ~~the candidate's political party shall be printed in at~~  
47 ~~least six point type. The names of political parties~~  
48 ~~and nonparty political organizations may be abbreviated~~  
49 ~~on the remainder of the ballot if both the full name~~  
50 ~~and the abbreviation appear in the "Straight Party" and~~

1 ~~"Other Political Party" areas of the ballot.~~

2 Sec. \_\_\_\_ . Section 49.98, Code 2015, is amended to  
3 read as follows:

4 **49.98 Counting ballots.**

5 The ballots shall be counted according to the  
6 voters' marks on them as provided in sections 49.92  
7 ~~to 49.97~~ and 49.93, and not otherwise. If, for any  
8 reason, it is impossible to determine from a ballot,  
9 as marked, the choice of the voter for any office, the  
10 vote for that office shall not be counted. ~~When there~~  
11 ~~is a conflict between a straight party or organization~~  
12 ~~vote for one political party or nonparty political~~  
13 ~~organization and the vote cast by marking the voting~~  
14 ~~target next to the name of a candidate for another~~  
15 ~~political party or nonparty political organization on~~  
16 ~~the ballot, the mark next to the name of the candidate~~  
17 ~~shall be held to control, and the straight party or~~  
18 ~~organization vote in that case shall not apply as to~~  
19 ~~that office. A ballot shall be rejected if the voter~~  
20 ~~used a mark to identify the voter's ballot. For each~~  
21 ~~voting system, the~~ The state commissioner shall, by  
22 rule adopted pursuant to chapter 17A, develop uniform  
23 definitions of what constitutes a vote.>

24 2. Page 3, after line 11 by inserting:

25 <Sec. \_\_\_\_ . REPEAL. Sections 49.94, 49.95, 49.96,  
26 and 49.97, Code 2015, are repealed.>

27 3. By renumbering as necessary.

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