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NEWS RELEASE

PRIMARY ELECTION – TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2018

Iowa's Election Integrity Law, which went into effect in January 2018, requires voters to show valid identification when voting at their assigned polling place. Iowa voters must present either a valid Iowa driver's license or non-operator's ID, a state-issued Voter ID card, a U.S. passport, military-issued identification, or veteran's ID. All others will be asked to sign an oath swearing to their identity.

Voters without a valid form of identification must preregister on or before May 25 to receive a voter ID card in time for the Primary Election on June 5. The card will be required at all future elections, including the general election on November 6.

Despite the need for valid ID in this year's elections, Poweshiek County reminds Iowans that under the law, NO eligible voter will be turned away from the polls.

Unregistered voters without ID can still register to vote at their polling place on Election Day with proof of identity and Iowa residence.

Election Day Registration took effect on January 1, 2008. This means you may now register at your precinct on Election Day. If you plan to register on Election Day, you will need to provide proof of identity (Photo ID), proof of residency (your current address in the precinct), and sign an oath. This process will take extra time at the polling place. **Voters are still encouraged to pre-register by Friday, May 25, 2018 in the Auditor's Office.**

If you are currently registered in Poweshiek County but have recently moved, you are encouraged to update your voter registration before the pre-registration deadline of May 25, 2018. If you arrive at the polls on Election Day, you will be required to show proof of identity and residency.

Absentee ballots are available from the Poweshiek County Auditor beginning on May 7, 2018.

A voter may request a ballot by either completing a State of Iowa Official Absentee Ballot Request Form or write on a piece of paper no smaller than 3x5 inches the following information: Name of voter, Voter ID Number (Iowa Driver's License or Non-Operator ID Number or Four-digit Voter PIN), voter's address, address to which the ballot should be sent, if different from voter's address, voter's date of birth, political party, date and/or name

of the election for which the voter is requesting a ballot & voter's signature. The completed request can be mailed to the Auditor's Office, PO Box 57, Montezuma, IA 50171.

The last day the Auditor's office can mail out a requested ballot will be May 25, 2018.

Absentee voters may also vote in person at the County Auditor's office beginning May 7, 2018 until Election Day. Courthouse hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Auditor's office will be open from 8:00a.m.-4:00p.m. on Saturday, June 2 for Absentee Voting.

Voter Registration and Official Absentee Ballot Request forms are available by mail or may be downloaded from the Iowa Secretary of State's website: www.sos.state.us For further information, please contact the Auditor's office at 641-623-5443.

Voting Equipment testing will begin on Wednesday, May 23 at 9:00 AM in the conference room at the Courthouse in Montezuma.

Sample ballots for the Primary Election will be published the week of May 16.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION