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NEWS RELEASE
2018 Primary Election

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**Clinton County Voters to See Changes in
Elections Starting with the Primary**

CLINTON – Clinton County Auditor and Commissioner of Elections Eric Van Lancker is reminding Clinton County voters of changes they will notice in the election process starting with the June 5 Primary Election.

The changes are from legislation approved during the 2017 Iowa legislative session that included voter identification (ID) requirements and changes to the absentee voting process.

“We want voters to know of the changes so they have a positive voting experience,” Van Lancker said. “Our regular voters who vote either in person or by absentee will notice the changes.”

Voters who will vote on Election Day at the polls or who want to vote absentee in person will now have to show an ID. Voters who fail to show a proper ID in 2018 will be asked to sign an oath verifying their identity. In 2019, the appropriate ID will be required, but an oath will not be an option. A voter without ID in 2019 will be allowed to vote a provisional ballot.

Valid forms of identification to vote in person include:

Iowa driver’s license	Military ID
Iowa non-operator’s ID	Veteran’s ID
U.S. Passport	Voter ID card

Voters requesting an absentee ballot, either in person or through a mailed request, will have to provide a personal identification number (PIN). A space on the absentee ballot request form is provided for a voter to enter their PIN.

That PIN will most likely be your Iowa driver's license number or your Iowa non-operator's ID number. If a voter does not have either of those, the voter should have been sent a PIN in December from the Iowa Secretary of State's Office.

Another change in absentee voting is the time allowed for voting. The new law has reduced the number of days allowed for absentee voting. Domestic absentee voters now have only 29 days to vote absentee.

Also, those voters requesting a ballot by mail will have to turn in that request sooner than they have before. The new deadline to request a ballot by mail is now 11 days before a Primary and General Election.

For more information about the 2018 Primary Election contact the Clinton County Auditor's office at 563-244-0568.

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