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### **FITZGERALD WELCOMES START OF SAME DAY REGISTRATION**

(Des Moines) Polk County Auditor and Commissioner of Elections Jamie Fitzgerald today praised the new Iowa law that allows same day voter registration at the polls that is slated to begin on January 1, 2008.

“This new law allows all voters to participate in our election process and removes the statutory cutoff.” Fitzgerald stated. “We also have safeguards in place to discourage any fraud by requiring identification or a neighbor to attest that you live in the precinct.”

Prior law stated that if a voter had moved between counties they had to have changed their registration prior to the ten day cutoff.

“The metro area now spills across many different county lines and many voters did not understand that just because you moved within a city that you needed to change your registration if you crossed a county line in order to vote at the ballot box.” Fitzgerald concluded.

To register on Election Day voters will need to provide either photo identification with their current address or one of the following documents: a government issued check or document, a residential lease, property tax statement, utility bill, bank statement or a paycheck.

Fitzgerald encourages voters to register prior to election day to prevent any unnecessary delay at the polling place.

If the person submits false information when registering to vote they are guilty of election misconduct, which is a Class D felony, and punishable by a fine of up to \$7,500 and/or imprisonment of up to five years.

Caucus participants do not need to be registered to vote at their neighborhood caucus and can register that night and fully participate in the process.