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# HOUSE BILL NO. 845

## 94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES DIXON (Sponsor), STEVENSON, CUNNINGHAM (145), KRATKY, MUNZLINGER, EMERY, SILVEY, SELF, YOUNG, STREAM, WETER, PAGE, RUESTMAN, NIEVES, ICET, JETTON, BEARDEN, DEMPSEY, SANDER, MARSH, SCHOELLER, VIEBROCK, DENISON, WELLS, WASSON AND SMITH (14) (Co-sponsors).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 115, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to voter registration for hunting and fishing permit applicants.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 115, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 115.164, to read as follows:

**115.164. 1. All applicants for any resident hunting or fishing permit at any local department of conservation office or any local permit vendor shall receive a voter registration application form as a simultaneous part of the application for such permits. Such applicants may complete the voter registration form at the time the resident hunting or fishing permit is applied for under this section, or may mail the completed voter registration form to the appropriate election authority. If a single application form is used, the voter registration application portion of any application described in this subsection shall not require any information that duplicates information required in the resident hunting or fishing permit portion of the form, except a second signature or other information required by law.**

**2. Any applicant for a resident hunting or fishing permit who applies by telephone shall be informed that such applicant may request that a voter registration application be**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

13 mailed to the applicant. Such applicants may mail the completed voter registration form  
14 to the appropriate election authority.

15       3. Any applicant for a resident hunting or fishing permit who applies by the  
16 department of conservation's web site shall be provided with a link to the web site of the  
17 applicant's election authority if such election authority has established a web site that  
18 provides the opportunity to register online or to print out a registration form to complete  
19 and mail to the appropriate election authority.

20       4. After conferring with the secretary of state as the chief state election official  
21 responsible for overseeing of the voter registration process, the director of the department  
22 of conservation shall adopt rules within thirty days of August 28, 2007, pertaining to the  
23 format of the voter registration application used by the department. Any rule or portion  
24 of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, RSMo, that is created under the  
25 authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is  
26 subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo, and, if applicable, section 536.028,  
27 RSMo. This section and chapter 536, RSMo, are nonseverable and if any of the powers  
28 vested with the general assembly under chapter 536, RSMo, to review, to delay the effective  
29 date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the  
30 grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2007,  
31 shall be invalid and void.

32       5. No information relating to the failure of an applicant for a resident hunting or  
33 fishing permit to sign a voter registration application shall be used for any purpose other  
34 than voter registration.

35       6. Any voter registration application received under this section shall be forwarded  
36 to the election authority located within that county or any city not within a county, or if  
37 there is more than one election authority within the county, then to the election authority  
38 located nearest to the location where the resident hunting or fishing permit application was  
39 received. The election authority receiving the application forms shall review the  
40 applications and forward any applications pertaining to a different election authority to  
41 that election authority. A completed voter registration application accepted in the resident  
42 hunting or fishing permit process shall be transmitted to the election authority described  
43 in this subsection not later than five business days after the form is completed by the  
44 applicant.

45       7. Any person registering to vote when applying for a resident hunting or fishing  
46 permit shall submit with the application form a copy of a birth certificate, a Native  
47 American tribal document, or other proof of United States citizenship, a valid Missouri  
48 driver's license, or other form of personal identification.

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