

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1611

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MCGAUGH.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 115.135, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to voter registration.

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

Section A. Section 115.135, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 115.135, to read as follows:

115.135. 1. Any person who is qualified to vote, or who shall become qualified to vote on or before the day of election, shall be entitled to register in the jurisdiction within which he or she resides. In order to vote in any election for which registration is required, a person must be registered to vote in the jurisdiction of his or her residence no later than 5:00 p.m., or the normal closing time of any public building where the registration is being held if such time is later than 5:00 p.m., on the fourth Wednesday prior to the election, unless the voter is an interstate former resident, an intrastate new resident or a new resident, as defined in section 115.275. In no case shall registration for an election extend beyond 10:00 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday prior to the election. Any person registering after such date shall be eligible to vote in subsequent elections.

2. A person applying to register with an election authority or a deputy registration official shall identify himself or herself by presenting a copy of a birth certificate, a Native American tribal document, other proof of United States citizenship, a valid Missouri drivers license or other form of personal identification at the time of registration. **Any documentation presented under this subsection shall contain the applicant's legal name as it appears on a birth certificate or as legally changed through marriage or court order. No name change by common usage based on common law shall be permitted.**

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.

18 3. Except as provided in federal law or federal elections and in section 115.277, no
19 person shall be entitled to vote if the person has not registered to vote in the jurisdiction of his
20 or her residence prior to the deadline to register to vote.

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