

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 2271

## 97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE DUGGER.

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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 early voting.

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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  
2 known as section 115.1005, to read as follows:

**115.1005. 1. Each local election authority shall establish one advance voting center  
2 in each state senatorial district in the state, or if a state senatorial district contains more  
3 than one county, in each county located in such senatorial district. Only as provided in this  
4 section, any registered voter of this state may vote by advance ballot in person at any  
5 election except for local, special district, and municipal elections at an advance voting  
6 center in the senatorial district in which the voter is registered during the advance voting  
7 period established in this section.**

**8 2. The advance voting period shall begin on the seventh Tuesday immediately  
9 preceding an election and end on the first Tuesday immediately preceding an election,  
10 excluding weekends. All local election authorities shall conduct advance voting at each  
11 advance voting center established by the local election authority between eight o'clock in  
12 the morning and five o'clock in the evening on weekdays.**

**13 3. The secretary of state and each local election authority shall provide adequate  
14 public notice of the advance voting centers and periods including, but not limited to,  
15 posting such information at each local election authority's office, on the website of each  
16 local election authority that maintains a website, and by such other methods as the  
17 secretary of state and the local election authority may select. Except as otherwise provided  
18 in this section, all provisions relating to appointment of election judges and polling places**

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.

19 established by state law shall apply to any advance voting center established under this  
20 section.

21       **4. Absentee ballots printed and distributed under this chapter shall be used during**  
22 **the advance voting period. No statement of the voter's reason for voting an absentee ballot**  
23 **shall be required for voters using an absentee ballot under this subsection as such**  
24 **statements are required for absentee ballots. All procedures for casting and counting an**  
25 **absentee ballot under this chapter shall apply to advance voting under this section, except**  
26 **as such procedures are changed as provided in this section.**

27       **5. All costs associated with the implementation of advance voting under this section**  
28 **shall be reimbursed from the general revenue of this state by an appropriation for that**  
29 **purpose. If there is no appropriation of state funds, an election authority shall not conduct**  
30 **advance voting.**

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