

SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**HOUSE BILL NO. 2271**  
**97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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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 county in the state, or at least one advance voting center for every one hundred**  
3 **thousand people in population reasonably distributed throughout such county. Only as**  
4 **provided in this section, any registered voter of this state may vote by advance ballot in**  
5 **person in any election in which presidential and vice presidential electors or the offices of**  
6 **United States senator, governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state auditor, state**  
7 **treasurer, or attorney general are on the ballot at an advance voting center in the**  
8 **senatorial district in which the voter is registered during the advance voting period**  
9 **established in this section.**

10 **2. The advance voting period shall begin on the third Saturday immediately**  
11 **preceding an election and end on the Tuesday immediately preceding an election, excluding**  
12 **Sundays. All local election authorities shall conduct advance voting at each advance voting**  
13 **center established by the local election authority between eight o'clock in the morning and**  
14 **five o'clock in the evening on weekdays and for a four-hour period between eight o'clock**  
15 **in the morning and four o'clock in the evening on Saturdays during the advance voting**  
16 **period.**

17 **3. The secretary of state and each local election authority shall provide adequate**  
18 **public notice of the advance voting centers and periods including, but not limited to,**  
19 **publication under section 115.127, posting such information at each local election**

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.

20 authority's office and on the website of each local election authority that maintains a  
21 website, and by such other methods as the secretary of state and the local election authority  
22 may select. Except as otherwise provided in this section, all provisions relating to  
23 appointment of election judges and polling places established by state law shall apply to  
24 any advance voting center established under this section.

25       4. Ballots printed and distributed under this chapter shall be used during the  
26 advance voting period. All procedures for casting and counting ballots under this chapter  
27 shall apply to advance voting under this section, except as such procedures are changed as  
28 provided in this section. The counting of votes may be done by any automatic tabulating  
29 equipment or electronic data processing equipment.

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

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