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HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 2271

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

6543H.02P

D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 115, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to early voting.

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,**

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 publication under section 115.127, posting such information at each local election
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.

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