

HCS HJR 90 -- EARLY VOTING (Dugger)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Committee on Elections

Upon voter approval, this proposed constitutional amendment requires, beginning with the 2016 general election, the establishment of an early voting period from the third Saturday until the Tuesday prior to election day, excluding Sundays, for any election for federal or statewide officials.

All general election laws must apply to the early voting periods and voting hours must be set by general law. These provisions cannot inhibit the right to vote by absentee ballot or any other method of voting currently allowed by general law. The General Assembly may regulate the early voting process by general law that is not inconsistent with the requirements of these provisions. Regulations may involve limitations on the commercial use of early voter information and the assessment of reasonable fees by election authorities for the release of the information.

These provisions must not be interpreted to infringe upon the right to vote by absentee ballot or any other method of voting currently allowed by law.

These provisions are self executing and any law that conflicts with these provisions must not be valid or enforceable and the provisions must be implemented notwithstanding Article X, Sections 16 to 24 of the Missouri Constitution, commonly known as the Hancock Amendment.