

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By

AMEND House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1480, Page 1, in the Title, Line 3, by deleting the phrase "absentee ballots" and inserting in lieu thereof the phrase "absentee voting"; and
Further amend said bill, Page 2, Section 115.257, Line 29, by inserting after all of said section and line the following:

"115.277. 1. Except as provided in subsections 2, 3, 4, and 5 of this section, any registered voter of this state may vote by absentee ballot for all candidates and issues for which such voter [would be] is eligible to vote at the polling place [if such voter expects to be prevented from going to the polls to vote on election day due to:

(1) Absence on election day from the jurisdiction of the election authority in which such voter is registered to vote;

(2) Incapacity or confinement due to illness or physical disability, including a person who is primarily responsible for the physical care of a person who is incapacitated or confined due to illness or disability;

(3) Religious belief or practice;

(4) Employment as an election authority, as a member of an election authority, or by an election authority at a location other than such voter's polling place;

(5) Incarceration, provided all qualifications for voting are retained;

(6) Certified participation in the address confidentiality program established under sections 589.660 to 589.681 because of safety concerns].

2. Any covered voter, as defined in section 115.275, who is eligible to register and vote in this state may vote in any election for federal office, statewide office, state legislative office, or statewide ballot initiatives by submitting a federal postcard application to apply to vote by absentee ballot or by submitting a federal postcard application at the polling place even though the person is not registered. A federal postcard application submitted by a covered voter pursuant to this subsection shall also serve as a voter registration application under section 115.908 and the election authority shall, if satisfied that the applicant is entitled to register, place the voter's name on the voter registration file. Each covered voter may vote by absentee ballot or, upon submitting an affidavit that the person is qualified to vote in the election, may vote at the person's polling place.

3. Any interstate former resident[, as defined in section 115.275,] may vote by absentee

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1 ballot for presidential and vice presidential electors.

2 4. Any intrastate new resident[, as defined in section 115.275,] may vote by absentee ballot
3 at the election for presidential and vice presidential electors, United States senator, representative in
4 Congress, statewide elected officials and statewide questions, propositions and amendments from
5 such resident's new jurisdiction of residence after registering to vote in such resident's new
6 jurisdiction of residence.

7 5. Any new resident[, as defined in section 115.275,] may vote by absentee ballot for
8 presidential and vice presidential electors after registering to vote in such resident's new jurisdiction
9 of residence.

10 115.279. 1. Application for an absentee ballot may be made by the applicant in person, or
11 by mail, or for the applicant, in person, by his or her guardian or a relative within the second degree
12 by consanguinity or affinity. The election authority shall accept applications by facsimile
13 transmission within the limits of its telecommunications capacity.

14 2. Each application shall be made to the election authority of the jurisdiction in which the
15 person is or would be registered. Each application shall be in writing and shall state the applicant's
16 name, address at which he or she is or would be registered, [his or her reason for voting an absentee
17 ballot,] whether the voter is incapacitated or confined due to illness or physical disability or is a
18 person who is primarily responsible for the physical care of a person who is incapacitated or
19 confined due to illness or disability, the address to which the ballot is to be mailed, if mailing is
20 requested, and for absent uniformed services and overseas applicants, the applicant's email address
21 if electronic transmission is requested. If [the reason for the applicant voting absentee is due to the
22 reasons established under subdivision (6) of subsection 1 of section 115.277] the applicant is a
23 certified participant in the address confidentiality program established under sections 589.660 to
24 589.681 because of safety concerns, the applicant shall state the voter's identification information
25 provided by the address confidentiality program in lieu of the applicant's name, address at which he
26 or she is or would be registered, and address to which the ballot is to be mailed, if mailing is
27 requested. Each application to vote in a primary election shall also state which ballot the applicant
28 wishes to receive. If any application fails to designate a ballot, the election authority shall, within
29 three working days after receiving the application, notify the applicant by mail that it will be unable
30 to deliver an absentee ballot until the applicant designates which political party ballot he or she
31 wishes to receive. If the applicant does not respond to the request for political party designation, the
32 election authority is authorized to provide the voter with that part of the ballot for which no political
33 party designation is required.

34 3. [Except as provided in subsection 3 of section 115.281,] All applications for absentee
35 ballots received prior to the sixth Tuesday before an election shall be stored at the office of the
36 election authority until such time as the applications are processed in accordance with section
37 115.281. No application for an absentee ballot received in the office of the election authority by
38 mail, by facsimile transmission or by a guardian or relative after 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday
39 immediately prior to the election shall be accepted by any election authority. No application for an
40 absentee ballot submitted by the applicant in person after 5:00 p.m. on the day before the election
41 shall be accepted by any election authority, except as provided in subsections 6, 8 and 9 of this

1 section.

2 4. Each application for an absentee ballot shall be signed by the applicant or, if the
3 application is made by a guardian or relative pursuant to this section, the application shall be signed
4 by the guardian or relative, who shall note on the application his or her relationship to the applicant.
5 If an applicant, guardian or relative is blind, unable to read or write the English language or
6 physically incapable of signing the application, he or she shall sign by mark, witnessed by the
7 signature of an election official or person of his or her own choosing. Any person who knowingly
8 makes, delivers or mails a fraudulent absentee ballot application shall be guilty of a class one
9 election offense.

10 5. (1) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, any resident of the state of Missouri who
11 resides outside the boundaries of the United States or who is on active duty with the Armed Forces
12 of the United States or members of their immediate family living with them may request an
13 absentee ballot for both the primary and subsequent general election with one application.

14 (2) The election authority shall provide each absent uniformed services voter and each
15 overseas voter who submits a voter registration application or an absentee ballot request, if the
16 election authority rejects the application or request, with the reasons for the rejection.

17 (3) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, if a standard oath regarding material
18 misstatements of fact is adopted for uniformed and overseas voters pursuant to the Help America
19 Vote Act of 2002, the election authority shall accept such oath for voter registration, absentee ballot,
20 or other election-related materials.

21 (4) Not later than sixty days after the date of each regularly scheduled general election for
22 federal office, each election authority which administered the election shall submit to the secretary
23 of state in a format prescribed by the secretary a report on the combined number of absentee ballots
24 transmitted to, and returned by, absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters for the
25 election. The secretary shall submit to the Election Assistance Commission a combined report of
26 such information not later than ninety days after the date of each regularly scheduled general
27 election for federal office and in a standardized format developed by the commission pursuant to the
28 Help America Vote Act of 2002. The secretary shall make the report available to the general public.

29 (5) As used in this section, the terms "absent uniformed services voter" and "overseas voter"
30 shall have the meaning prescribed in [42 U.S.C. Section 1973ff-6] 52 U.S.C. Section 20310, as
31 amended.

32 6. An application for an absentee ballot by a new resident[, as defined in section 115.275,]
33 shall be submitted in person by the applicant in the office of the election authority in the election
34 jurisdiction in which such applicant resides. The application shall be received by the election
35 authority no later than 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election. Such application shall be in the form of
36 an affidavit, executed in duplicate in the presence of the election authority or any authorized officer
37 of the election authority, and in substantially the following form:

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39 "STATE OF

40 COUNTY OF, ss.

41 I,....., do solemnly swear that:

(1) Before becoming a resident of this state, I resided at
 (residence address) in (town, township, village or city) of
 County in the state of

(2) I moved to this state after the last day to register to vote in such general presidential
 election and I am now residing in the county of, state of Missouri;

(3) I believe I am entitled pursuant to the laws of this state to vote in the presidential
 election to be held November, (year);

(4) I hereby make application for a presidential and vice presidential ballot. I have not
 voted and shall not vote other than by this ballot at such election.

Signed

(Applicant)

.....

(Residence Address)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of,

Signed

(Title and name of officer authorized to administer oaths)"

7. The election authority in whose office an application is filed pursuant to subsection 6 of
 this section shall immediately send a duplicate of such application to the appropriate official of the
 state in which the new resident applicant last resided and shall file the original of such application in
 its office.

8. An application for an absentee ballot by an intrastate new resident[, as defined in section
 115.275,] shall be made in person by the applicant in the office of the election authority in the
 election jurisdiction in which such applicant resides. The application shall be received by the
 election authority no later than 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election. Such application shall be in the
 form of an affidavit, executed in duplicate in the presence of the election authority or an authorized
 officer of the election authority, and in substantially the following form:

"STATE OF

COUNTY OF, ss.

I,, do solemnly swear that:

(1) Before becoming a resident of this election jurisdiction, I resided at
 (residence address) in (town, township, village or city) of
 county in the state of

(2) I moved to this election jurisdiction after the last day to register to vote in such election;

(3) I believe I am entitled pursuant to the laws of this state to vote in the election to be held
 (date);

(4) I hereby make application for an absentee ballot for candidates and issues on which I am
 entitled to vote pursuant to the laws of this state. I have not voted and shall not vote other than by
 this ballot at such election.

Signed

(Applicant)

.....

(Residence Address)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of,

Signed

(Title and name of officer authorized to administer oaths)"

9. An application for an absentee ballot by an interstate former resident[, as defined in section 115.275,] shall be received in the office of the election authority where the applicant was formerly registered by 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday immediately prior to the election, unless the application is made in person by the applicant in the office of the election authority, in which case such application shall be made no later than 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election.

115.283. 1. Each ballot envelope shall bear a statement on which the voter shall state the voter's name, the voter's voting address, and the voter's mailing address [and the voter's reason for voting an absentee ballot]. If [the reason for the voter voting absentee is due to the reasons established under subdivision (6) of subsection 1 of section 115.277] the applicant is a certified participant in the address confidentiality program established under sections 589.660 to 589.681 because of safety concerns, the voter shall state the voter's identification information provided by the address confidentiality program in lieu of the applicant's name, voting address, and mailing address. On the form, the voter shall also state under penalties of perjury that the voter is qualified to vote in the election, that the voter has not previously voted and will not vote again in the election, that the voter has personally marked the voter's ballot in secret or supervised the marking of the voter's ballot if the voter is unable to mark it, that the ballot has been placed in the ballot envelope and sealed by the voter or under the voter's supervision if the voter is unable to seal it, and that all information contained in the statement is true. In addition, any person providing assistance to the absentee voter shall include a statement on the envelope identifying the person providing assistance under penalties of perjury. Persons authorized to vote only for federal and statewide officers shall also state their former Missouri residence.

2. The statement for persons voting absentee ballots who are registered voters shall be in substantially the following form:

State of Missouri

County (City) of

I, (print name), a registered voter of County (City of St. Louis, Kansas City), declare under the penalties of perjury [that I expect to be prevented from going to the polls on election day due to (check one):

..... absence on election day from the jurisdiction of the election authority in which I am registered;

..... incapacity or confinement due to illness or physical disability, including caring for a person who is incapacitated or confined due to illness or disability;

..... religious belief or practice;

..... employment as an election authority or by an election authority at a location other than my

polling place;
 incarceration, although I have retained all the necessary qualifications for voting;
 certified participation in the address confidentiality program established under sections
 589.660 to 589.681 because of safety concerns.

I hereby state under penalties of perjury] that I am qualified to vote at this election; I have not voted
 and will not vote other than by this ballot at this election. I further state that I marked the enclosed
 ballot in secret or that I am blind, unable to read or write English, or physically incapable of
 marking the ballot, and the person of my choosing indicated below marked the ballot at my
 direction; all of the information on this statement is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true.

.....
Signature of Voter	Signature of Person Assisting Voter (if applicable)
Signed	Subscribed and sworn to
Signed	before me this day
Address of Voter	of,
.....
.....
Mailing addresses	Signature of notary
or (if different)	other officer authorized
	to administer oaths

3. The statement for persons voting absentee ballots pursuant to the provisions of subsection
 2, 3, 4, or 5 of section 115.277 without being registered shall be in substantially the following form:

State of Missouri
 County (City) of

I, (print name), declare under the penalties of perjury that I am a citizen of the
 United States and eighteen years of age or older. I am not adjudged incapacitated by any court of
 law, and if I have been convicted of a felony or of a misdemeanor connected with the right of
 suffrage, I have had the voting disabilities resulting from such conviction removed pursuant to law.
 I hereby state under penalties of perjury that I am qualified to vote at this election.

I am (check one):

..... a resident of the state of Missouri and a registered voter in County and moved
 from that county to County, Missouri, after the last day to register to vote in this election.
 an interstate former resident of Missouri and authorized to vote for presidential and vice
 presidential electors.

I further state under penalties of perjury that I have not voted and will not vote other than by this
 ballot at this election; I marked the enclosed ballot in secret or am blind, unable to read or write

English, or physically incapable of marking the ballot, and the person of my choosing indicated below marked the ballot at my direction; all of the information on this statement is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true.

..... Subscribed to and sworn
Signature of Voter before me this day
of,

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Address of Voter Signature of notary or
other officer authorized
to administer oaths

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Mailing Address (if different)

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Signature of Person Address of Last
Assisting Voter Missouri Residence
(if applicable)

4. The statement for persons voting absentee ballots who are entitled to vote at the election pursuant to the provisions of subsection 2 of section 115.137 shall be in substantially the following form:

State of Missouri

County (City) of

I, (print name), declare under the penalties of perjury [that I expect to be prevented from going to the polls on election day due to (check one):

..... absence on election day from the jurisdiction of the election authority in which I am directed to vote;

..... incapacity or confinement due to illness or physical disability, including caring for a person who is incapacitated or confined due to illness or disability;

..... religious belief or practice;

..... employment as an election authority or by an election authority at a location other than my polling place;

..... incarceration, although I have retained all the necessary qualifications of voting;

..... certified participation in the address confidentiality program established under sections 589.660 to 589.681 because of safety concerns.

I hereby state under penalties of perjury] that I own property in the district and am

qualified to vote at this election; I have not voted and will not vote other than by this ballot at this election. I further state that I marked the enclosed ballot in secret or that I am blind, unable to read and write English, or physically incapable of marking the ballot, and the person of my choosing indicated below marked the ballot at my direction; all of the information on this statement is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true.

..... Subscribed and sworn to
Signature of Voter before me this
day of,

.....
.....
Address Signature of notary or
other officer authorized
to administer oaths

.....
Signature of Person
Assisting Voter
(if applicable)

5. The statement for persons providing assistance to absentee voters shall be in substantially the following form:

The voter needed assistance in marking the ballot and signing above, because of blindness, other physical disability, or inability to read or to read English. I marked the ballot enclosed in this envelope at the voter's direction, when I was alone with the voter, and I had no other communication with the voter as to how he or she was to vote. The voter swore or affirmed the voter affidavit above and I then signed the voter's name and completed the other voter information above. Signed under the penalties of perjury.

Reason why voter needed assistance:

ASSISTING PERSON SIGN HERE

1. (signature of assisting person)
2. (assisting person's name printed)
3. (assisting person's residence)
4. (assisting person's home city or town).

6. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, any covered voter as defined in section 115.902 or persons who have declared themselves to be permanently disabled pursuant to section 115.284, otherwise entitled to vote, shall not be required to obtain a notary seal or signature on his or her absentee ballot.

1 7. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or section 115.291 to the contrary, the
2 subscription, signature and seal of a notary or other officer authorized to administer oaths shall not
3 be required on any ballot, ballot envelope, or statement required by this section if the [reason for
4 the] voter voting absentee is [due to the reasons established pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection
5 1 of section 115.277] incapacitated or confined due to illness or physical disability, including a
6 person who is primarily responsible for the physical care of a person who is incapacitated or
7 confined due to illness or disability.

8 8. No notary shall charge or collect a fee for notarizing the signature on any absentee ballot
9 or absentee voter registration.

10 9. A notary public who charges more than the maximum fee specified or who charges or
11 collects a fee for notarizing the signature on any absentee ballot or absentee voter registration is
12 guilty of official misconduct."; and

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14 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
15 accordingly.