

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By _____

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 717, Page 4, Section 115.237, Line 43, by
2 inserting after all of said section and line the following:
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4 "115.628. 1. Except as provided in subsection 4 of this section, the governing body of any
5 established political party shall adopt a closed primary election system that shall be enforced by the
6 office of the secretary of state and the requisite local election authority. The closed primary election
7 system shall be binding upon all elections for partisan offices in this state.

8 2. The secretary of state shall maintain voter registration records in accordance with the
9 Missouri voter registration system defined in section 115.158. No later than six months prior to a
10 primary election date, the secretary of state shall distribute a list of eligible voters for each
11 established political party to all requisite local election authorities. Local election authorities shall
12 implement the closed primary system for any primary election after January 1, 2019, by providing
13 primary ballots indicating political party nominees only to those individuals who are registered to
14 vote in this state and who appear on the lists provided by the secretary of state.

15 3. Any registered voter affiliated with a political party shall remain affiliated with that
16 political party for one year after any primary election before he or she may change party affiliation.

17 4. Any political party entitled to ballot access as established in section 115.315 shall be
18 allowed to exempt itself from a closed primary and conduct a caucus or primary election at its own
19 expense. The party shall be allowed to submit a general election candidate for the general election
20 ballot.

21 5. The state shall pay the costs of implementing the closed primary system under this
22 section, with the exception of any caucus or primary election conducted under subsection 4.

23 6. Local election authorities shall notify registered voters of the political party affiliation
24 requirements of this section prior to the August 2018 primary election by using all current election
25 mailings that would otherwise be mailed to registered voters.

26 7. Beginning August 1, 2018, the voter registration application form shall be amended to
27 include a choice of political party affiliation.

28 8. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, this section shall provide that
29 initial political party registration be determined by the political party ballot chosen by the voter in
30 the August 2018 primary. The election authority will have six months to process this initial political

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1 party registration through its normal means of administration.

2 9. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, all current processes for
3 registering voters in the various counties will remain in place."; and

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