

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for House Bill Nos. 26 & 922, Pages 13-14, Section 115.287,
2 Lines 1-44, by deleting all of said section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

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4 "115.287. 1. Upon receipt of a signed application for an absentee ballot and if satisfied the
5 applicant is entitled to vote by absentee ballot, the election authority shall, within three working
6 days after receiving the application, or if absentee ballots are not available at the time the
7 application is received, within five working days after they become available, deliver to the voter an
8 absentee ballot, ballot envelope and such instructions as are necessary for the applicant to vote. For
9 applications for an absentee ballot to vote in a primary election, the election authority shall only
10 deliver to the voter the ballot that corresponds to the established political party with which the voter
11 is affiliated, according to his or her voter registration, or, if the voter is unaffiliated, the unaffiliated
12 ballot. Delivery shall be made to the voter personally in the office of the election authority or by
13 bipartisan teams appointed by the election authority, or by first class, registered, or certified mail at
14 the discretion of the election authority, or in the case of a covered voter as defined in section
15 115.902, the method of transmission prescribed in section 115.914. Where the election authority is
16 a county clerk, the members of bipartisan teams representing the political party other than that of
17 county clerk shall be selected from a list of persons submitted to the county clerk by the county
18 chairman of that party. If no list is provided by the time that absentee ballots are to be made
19 available, the county clerk may select a person or persons from lists provided in accordance with
20 section 115.087. If the election authority is not satisfied that any applicant is entitled to vote by
21 absentee ballot, it shall not deliver an absentee ballot to the applicant. Within three working days of
22 receiving such an application, the election authority shall notify the applicant and state the reason he
23 or she is not entitled to vote by absentee ballot. The applicant may file a complaint with the
24 elections division of the secretary of state's office under and pursuant to section 115.219.

25 2. If, after 5:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday before an election, any voter from the
26 jurisdiction has become hospitalized, becomes confined due to illness or injury, or is confined in an
27 intermediate care facility, residential care facility, or skilled nursing facility, as such terms are
28 defined in section 198.006, in the county in which the jurisdiction is located or in the jurisdiction of
29 an adjacent election authority within the same county, the election authority shall appoint a team to
30 deliver, witness the signing of and return the voter's application and deliver, witness the voting of
31 and return the voter's absentee ballot. In counties with a charter form of government and in cities
32 not within a county, and in each city which has over three hundred thousand inhabitants, and is
33 situated in more than one county, if the election authority receives ten or more applications for
34 absentee ballots from the same address it may appoint a team to deliver and witness the voting and
35 return of absentee ballots by voters residing at that address~~], except when such addresses are for an~~
36 ~~apartment building or other structure wherein individual living units are located, each of which has~~

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1 ~~its own separate cooking facilities~~]. Each team appointed pursuant to this subsection shall consist of
2 two registered voters, one from each major political party. Both members of any team appointed
3 pursuant to this subsection shall be present during the delivery, signing or voting and return of any
4 application or absentee ballot signed or voted pursuant to this subsection.

5 3. On the mailing and ballot envelopes for each covered voter, the election authority shall
6 stamp prominently in black the words "FEDERAL BALLOT, STATE OF MISSOURI" and "U.S.
7 Postage Paid, 39 U.S.C. Section 3406".

8 4. No information which encourages a vote for or against a candidate or issue shall be
9 provided to any voter with an absentee ballot."; and

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