House _____ **Amendment NO.**_____

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1 AMEND House Committee Bill No. 6, Page 3, Section 115.646, Line 52, by inserting after all of
2 said section and line the following:
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4   "115.1000. 1. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an election authority with
5 more than three hundred fifty thousand residents shall make available for all statewide elections,
6 elections for the general assembly, or local elections at least one voting machine per polling location
7 for use by blind or visually impaired persons.
8   (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an election authority with fewer than three
9 hundred fifty thousand residents shall make available for all statewide elections, elections for the
10 general assembly, or local elections at least one voting machine for use by blind or visually impaired
11 persons.
12   (3) For purposes of this section, each election authority shall be presumed to possess an
13 accessible voting machine for purposes of compliance with the Help America Vote Act, and such
14 machine shall be made available at state and local elections in the same manner as for federal
15 elections.
16   2. Any additional election costs for the maintenance and use of such machines during
17 statewide and general assembly elections shall be paid by the state and subject to appropriation.
18   3. Any qualified voter may cast a ballot using the accessible voting machine without
19 confirmation of blindness or visual impairment by an election authority, but the provisions of this
20 section shall not be interpreted to require that blind or visually impaired persons use an accessible
21 voting machine. Upon signing an affidavit, blind or visually impaired voters may continue to vote
22 by absentee ballot as provided by general law or by any other legal method of voting with the
23 assistance of election judges under section 115.445."; and
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25 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
26 accordingly.

Action Taken_____ Date _____