House _____ Amendment NO. ____

	AMEND House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1600, Page 1, Section A, Line 2, by inserting after said section and line the following:
	"115.133. 1. Except as provided in subsection 2 of this section, any citizen of the United
	States who is a resident of the state of Missouri and seventeen years and six months of age or older
	shall be entitled to register and to vote in any election which is held on or after his eighteenth
	birthday.
	2. No person who is adjudged incapacitated shall be entitled to register or vote. No person
	shall be entitled to vote:
	(1) While confined under a sentence of imprisonment after conviction of a felony; or
	(2) [While on probation or parole after conviction of a felony, until finally discharged from
	such probation or parole; or
	(3) After conviction of a felony [or misdemeanor] connected with the right of suffrage.
	3. Except as provided in federal law or federal elections and in section 115.277, no person
-	shall be entitled to vote if the person has not registered to vote in the jurisdiction of his or her
1	residence prior to the deadline to register to vote.
	4. Nothing in this section shall prohibit any defendant who is otherwise eligible to vote and
i	s confined in a jail from voting in an election if he or she has not yet been convicted of a crime.
	115.280. 1. Any defendant who is confined in a jail and is otherwise entitled to vote, shall
-	be allowed the opportunity to vote absentee in any election in which they are eligible to vote. For
	purposes of this section, the defendant's address shall be their residential address immediately prior
	to confinement.
	2. Jails that house defendants who are eligible to vote shall provide applications for absented
	ballots and assist any eligible defendant in mailing the application to the correct local election
	authority. The jail shall be responsible for the costs of mailing the application.
	3. Local election authorities that receive applications from defendants confined in a jail shall
	verify the defendant's eligibility to vote in the same manner as other applications to vote absentee
	are verified and shall mail the appropriate ballot, including a postage-paid return envelope, to the
	<u>defendant.</u>
	4. Upon receipt of a ballot, the defendant shall be allowed to exercise his or her right to
	vote. The jail shall provide a notary for the ballot, if required, and mail the ballot back to the local
	election authority before the deadline."; and

Action Taken_____ Date _____