HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 552

1 AN ACT 2 3 To repeal sections 2.020, 2.110, 36.155, 105.470, 4 105.485, 115.277, 115.306, 115.357, 115.427, 115.621, 5 115.631, 115.637, 115.642, 115.761, 116.030, 116.040, 6 116.050, 116.130, 116.160, 116.230, 116.270, 116.332, 7 116.334, 347.740, 351.127, 355.023, 356.233, 359.653, 8 400.9-528, and 417.018, RSMo, and to enact in lieu 9 thereof thirty-three new sections relating to 10 elections, with penalty provisions and an emergency 11 clause for certain sections. 13 14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, 15 AS FOLLOWS: 16 Section A. Sections 2.020, 2.110, 36.155, 105.470, 105.485, 17 115.277, 115.306, 115.357, 115.427, 115.621, 115.631, 115.637, 18 115.642, 115.761, 116.030, 116.040, 116.050, 116.130, 116.160, 19 20 116.230, 116.270, 116.332, 116.334, 347.740, 351.127, 355.023, 356.233, 359.653, 400.9-528, and 417.018, RSMo, are repealed and 21 22 thirty-three new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 2.020, 2.110, 36.155, 105.459, 105.470, 105.485, 23 24 115.277, 115.306, 115.357, 115.427, 115.621, 115.631, 115.637, 25 115.642, 115.761, 116.030, 116.040, 116.045, 116.050, 116.130, 26 116.160, 116.230, 116.270, 116.332, 116.334, 347.740, 351.127, 355.023, 356.233, 359.653, 400.9-528, 417.018, and 1, to read as 27 28 follows: 29 2.020. As soon as practicable after the laws passed at any session of the general assembly are printed and delivered, the 30

- 1 secretary of state shall [cause the original rolls to be bound in
- 2 a strong and substantial manner and properly labeled, and shall
- 3 make therein a typewritten index referring to each act and the
- 4 subject matter of the same and shall] preserve and make available
- 5 <u>to the public for inspection</u> the [volumes thus bound] <u>original</u>
- 6 <u>rolls</u> safely in his <u>or her</u> office.
- 7 2.110. The secretary of state, as soon as practicable after
- 8 [the effective date of this section and every four years
- 9 thereafter if during any such period] any amendments have been
- 10 adopted, shall [reprint, issue and distribute forty-five
- 11 thousand] make available in print and online copies of the
- 12 Constitution of the state of Missouri in the form contained in
- 13 "Report No. 5" of the committee on legislative research, together
- 14 with the amendments that have been adopted since the preceding
- 15 publication.
- 36.155. 1. An employee may take part in the activities of
- 17 political parties and political campaigns.
- 18 2. An employee may not:
- 19 (1) Use the employee's official authority or influence for
- 20 the purpose of interfering with the results of an election;
- 21 (2) Knowingly solicit, accept or receive a political
- contribution from any person who is a subordinate employee of the
- 23 employee;
- 24 (3) Run for the nomination, or as a candidate for election,
- 25 to a partisan political office; or
- 26 (4) Knowingly solicit or discourage the participation in
- 27 any political activity of any person who has an application for

certificate pending before the employing department of such

employee or is the subject of, or a participant in, an ongoing

any compensation, grant, contract, ruling, license, permit or

- 4 audit, investigation or enforcement action being carried out by
- 5 the employing department of such employee.

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- 3. An employee retains the right to vote as the employee chooses and to express the employee's opinion on political subjects and candidates.
- 9 <u>4. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 2 of this</u>
 10 <u>section to the contrary, any employee that is not subject to the</u>
 11 <u>provisions of subsection 1 of section 36.030 or section 36.031</u>
 12 <u>may run for the nomination, or as a candidate for election, to a</u>
 13 <u>partisan political office.</u>
 - make expenditures for inaugural activities on behalf of a person elected to serve in a statewide office shall file a statement of organization with the Missouri ethics commission within thirty days after the committee is formed. The statement shall include:
 - (1) Identification of the major nature of the committee;
- 20 <u>(2) The name, mailing address, and telephone number of the</u>
 21 chair or treasurer of the committee; and
 - (3) The anticipated duration of the committee's existence.
 - 2. The committee shall file disclosure reports with the ethics commission that itemize receipts, expenditures, and indebtedness incurred by the committee. The first disclosure report shall be filed not later than thirty days after the statement of organization is filed. Subsequent disclosure

- reports shall be filed every three months for the duration of the committee's existence.
- 3. The disclosure reports shall also include a separate
 listing by name, address, and employer, or occupation if selfemployed, of each person from whom the committee received one or
 more contributions, in moneys or other things of value, that in
 the aggregate total in excess of twenty-five dollars, together
 with the date and amount of each such contribution. No committee
 shall accept any contribution without such information.
 - 4. Upon termination of the committee, a termination

 statement indicating dissolution shall be filed with the ethics

 commission not later than ten days after the date of dissolution.

 The termination statement shall include:
 - (1) The distribution made of any surplus funds and the disposition of any deficits; and

- (2) The name, mailing address, and telephone number of the individual who shall preserve the committee's records and accounts in accordance with subsection 5 of this section.
- 5. The chair or treasurer of any committee covered by this section shall maintain accurate records and accounts that shall be maintained in accordance with accepted normal bookkeeping procedures and shall contain the bills, receipts, deposit records, cancelled checks, and other detailed information necessary to prepare and substantiate disclosure reports. All records and accounts of receipts and expenditures shall be preserved for at least three years after a termination statement is filed.

- 6. Any complaint that the provisions of this section are
 not followed shall be filed with the ethics commission. Such
 complaints shall be in the form described in section 105.957 and
 shall be investigated by the ethics commission in accordance with
- 7. Any person guilty of knowingly violating any of the provisions of this section shall be punished in accordance with section 105.478.

section 105.961.

- 9 105.470. As used in section 105.473, unless the context 10 requires otherwise, the following words and terms mean:
 - (1) "Elected local government official lobbyist", any natural person employed specifically for the purpose of attempting to influence any action by a local government official elected in a county, city, town, or village with an annual operating budget of over ten million dollars;
 - (2) "Executive lobbyist", any natural person who acts for the purpose of attempting to influence any action by the executive branch of government or by any elected or appointed official, employee, department, division, agency or board or commission thereof and in connection with such activity, meets the requirements of any one or more of the following:
 - (a) Is acting in the ordinary course of employment on behalf of or for the benefit of such person's employer; or
 - (b) Is engaged for pay or for any valuable consideration for the purpose of performing such activity; or
 - (c) Is designated to act as a lobbyist by any person, business entity, governmental entity, religious organization,

- 1 nonprofit corporation, association or other entity; or
- 2 (d) Makes total expenditures of fifty dollars or more
- 3 during the twelve-month period beginning January first and ending
- 4 December thirty-first for the benefit of one or more public
- officials or one or more employees of the executive branch of
- 6 state government in connection with such activity.

- 8 An "executive lobbyist" shall not include a member of the general
- 9 assembly, an elected state official, or any other person solely
- due to such person's participation in any of the following
- 11 activities:
- 12 a. Appearing or inquiring in regard to a complaint,
- 13 citation, summons, adversary proceeding, or contested case before
- 14 a state board, commission, department, division or agency of the
- 15 executive branch of government or any elected or appointed
- officer or employee thereof;
- 17 b. Preparing, filing or inquiring, or responding to any
- 18 audit, regarding any tax return, any public document, permit or
- 19 contract, any application for any permit or license or
- certificate, or any document required or requested to be filed
- 21 with the state or a political subdivision;
- c. Selling of goods or services to be paid for by public
- funds, provided that such person is attempting to influence only
- 24 the person authorized to authorize or enter into a contract to
- 25 purchase the goods or services being offered for sale;
- 26 d. Participating in public hearings or public proceedings
- on rules, grants, or other matters;

- e. Responding to any request for information made by any public official or employee of the executive branch of
- 3 government;

- f. Preparing or publication of an editorial, a newsletter,
 newspaper, magazine, radio or television broadcast, or similar
 news medium, whether print or electronic;
- g. Acting within the scope of employment by the general assembly, or acting within the scope of employment by the executive branch of government when acting with respect to the department, division, board, commission, agency or elected state officer by which such person is employed, or with respect to any duty or authority imposed by law to perform any action in conjunction with any other public official or state employee; or
 - h. Testifying as a witness before a state board, commission or agency of the executive branch;
 - (3) "Expenditure", any payment made or charge, expense, cost, debt or bill incurred; any gift, honorarium or item of value bestowed including any food or beverage; any price, charge or fee which is waived, forgiven, reduced or indefinitely delayed; any loan or debt which is cancelled, reduced or otherwise forgiven; the transfer of any item with a reasonably discernible cost or fair market value from one person to another or provision of any service or granting of any opportunity for which a charge is customarily made, without charge or for a reduced charge; except that the term "expenditure" shall not include the following:
 - (a) Any item, service or thing of value transferred to any

- 1 person within the third degree of consanguinity of the transferor
- 2 which is unrelated to any activity of the transferor as a
- 3 lobbyist;

- 4 (b) Informational material such as books, reports,
 5 pamphlets, calendars or periodicals informing a public official
- 6 regarding such person's official duties, or souvenirs or mementos
- 7 valued at less than ten dollars;
- 8 (c) Contributions to the public official's campaign
 9 committee or candidate committee which are reported pursuant to
 10 the provisions of chapter 130;
 - (d) Any loan made or other credit accommodations granted or other payments made by any person or entity which extends credit or makes loan accommodations or such payments in the regular ordinary scope and course of business, provided that such are extended, made or granted in the ordinary course of such person's or entity's business to persons who are not public officials;
 - (e) Any item, service or thing of de minimis value offered to the general public, whether or not the recipient is a public official or a staff member, employee, spouse or dependent child of a public official, and only if the grant of the item, service or thing of de minimis value is not motivated in any way by the recipient's status as a public official or staff member, employee, spouse or dependent child of a public official;
 - (f) The transfer of any item, provision of any service or granting of any opportunity with a reasonably discernible cost or fair market value when such item, service or opportunity is necessary for a public official or employee to perform his or her

- duty in his or her official capacity, including but not limited to entrance fees to any sporting event, museum, or other venue
- 3 when the official or employee is participating in a ceremony,
- 4 public presentation or official meeting therein;

- (g) Any payment, gift, compensation, fee, expenditure or anything of value which is bestowed upon or given to any public official or a staff member, employee, spouse or dependent child of a public official when it is compensation for employment or given as an employment benefit and when such employment is in addition to their employment as a public official;
 - (4) "Judicial lobbyist", any natural person who acts for the purpose of attempting to influence any purchasing decision by the judicial branch of government or by any elected or appointed official or any employee thereof and in connection with such activity, meets the requirements of any one or more of the following:
 - (a) Is acting in the ordinary course of employment which primary purpose is to influence the judiciary in its purchasing decisions on a regular basis on behalf of or for the benefit of such person's employer, except that this shall not apply to any person who engages in lobbying on an occasional basis only and not as a regular pattern of conduct; or
 - (b) Is engaged for pay or for any valuable consideration for the purpose of performing such activity; or
- (c) Is designated to act as a lobbyist by any person, business entity, governmental entity, religious organization, nonprofit corporation or association; or

- 1 (d) Makes total expenditures of fifty dollars or more
- 2 during the twelve-month period beginning January first and ending
- 3 December thirty-first for the benefit of one or more public
- 4 officials or one or more employees of the judicial branch of
- 5 state government in connection with attempting to influence such
- 6 purchasing decisions by the judiciary.
- 7 A "judicial lobbyist" shall not include a member of the general
- 8 assembly, an elected state official, or any other person solely
- 9 due to such person's participation in any of the following
- 10 activities:
- 11 a. Appearing or inquiring in regard to a complaint,
- 12 citation, summons, adversary proceeding, or contested case before
- 13 a state court;
- 14 b. Participating in public hearings or public proceedings
- on rules, grants, or other matters;
- 16 c. Responding to any request for information made by any
- 17 judge or employee of the judicial branch of government;
- d. Preparing, distributing or publication of an editorial,
- 19 a newsletter, newspaper, magazine, radio or television broadcast,
- or similar news medium, whether print or electronic; or
- 21 e. Acting within the scope of employment by the general
- assembly, or acting within the scope of employment by the
- 23 executive branch of government when acting with respect to the
- 24 department, division, board, commission, agency or elected state
- officer by which such person is employed, or with respect to any
- 26 duty or authority imposed by law to perform any action in
- 27 conjunction with any other public official or state employee;

"Legislative lobbyist", any natural person who acts for the purpose of attempting to influence the taking, passage, amendment, delay or defeat of any official action on any bill, resolution, amendment, nomination, appointment, report or any other action or any other matter pending or proposed in a legislative committee in either house of the general assembly, or in any matter which may be the subject of action by the general assembly and in connection with such activity, meets the requirements of any one or more of the following:

- (a) Is acting in the ordinary course of employment, which primary purpose is to influence legislation on a regular basis, on behalf of or for the benefit of such person's employer, except that this shall not apply to any person who engages in lobbying on an occasional basis only and not as a regular pattern of conduct; or
- (b) Is engaged for pay or for any valuable consideration for the purpose of performing such activity; or
- (c) Is designated to act as a lobbyist by any person, business entity, governmental entity, religious organization, nonprofit corporation, association or other entity; or
- (d) Makes total expenditures of fifty dollars or more during the twelve-month period beginning January first and ending December thirty-first for the benefit of one or more public officials or one or more employees of the legislative branch of state government in connection with such activity.

A "legislative lobbyist" shall include an attorney at law engaged

- 1 in activities on behalf of any person unless excluded by any of
- the following exceptions. A "legislative lobbyist" shall not
- 3 <u>include any legislative liaison</u>. For purposes of this
- 4 <u>subdivision</u>, "legislative liaison" means any state employee hired
- 5 to communicate with members of the general assembly on behalf of
- 6 any elected official of the state; the judicial branch of state
- 7 government; or any department, agency, board, or commission of
- 8 the state, provided such entity is a part of the executive branch
- 9 <u>of state government. Any state employee employed as a</u>
- 10 <u>legislative liaison who performs lobbying services for any other</u>
- 11 <u>entity shall register as a lobbyist with respect to such lobbying</u>
- 12 <u>services.</u> A "legislative lobbyist" shall not include any member
- of the general assembly, an elected state official, or any other
- 14 person solely due to such person's participation in any of the
- 15 following activities:
- 16 a. Responding to any request for information made by any
- 17 public official or employee of the legislative branch of
- 18 government;
- b. Preparing or publication of an editorial, a newsletter,
- 20 newspaper, magazine, radio or television broadcast, or similar
- 21 news medium, whether print or electronic;
- 22 c. Acting within the scope of employment of the legislative
- 23 branch of government when acting with respect to the general
- 24 assembly or any member thereof;
- d. Testifying as a witness before the general assembly or
- 26 any committee thereof;
- 27 (6) "Lobbyist", any natural person defined as an executive

- 1 lobbyist, judicial lobbyist, elected local government official
- 2 lobbyist, or a legislative lobbyist;
- 3 (7) "Lobbyist principal", any person, business entity,
- 4 governmental entity, religious organization, nonprofit
- 5 corporation or association who employs, contracts for pay or
- 6 otherwise compensates a lobbyist;
- 7 (8) "Public official", any member or member-elect of the
- 8 general assembly, judge or judicial officer, or any other person
- 9 holding an elective office of state government or any agency
- 10 head, department director or division director of state
- government or any member of any state board or commission and any
- designated decision-making public servant designated by persons
- described in this subdivision.
- 14 105.485. 1. Each financial interest statement required by
- sections 105.483 to 105.492 shall be on a form prescribed by the
- 16 commission and shall be signed and verified by a written
- 17 declaration that it is made under penalties of perjury; provided,
- 18 however, the form shall not seek information which is not
- specifically required by sections 105.483 to 105.492.
- 20 2. Each person required to file a financial interest
- 21 statement pursuant to subdivisions (1) to (12) of section 105.483
- 22 shall file the following information for himself or herself, his
- 23 <u>or her</u> spouse and dependent children at any time during the
- 24 period covered by the statement, whether singularly or
- collectively; provided, however, that said person, if he <u>or she</u>
- does not know and his <u>or her</u> spouse will not divulge any
- information required to be reported by this section concerning

- the financial interest of his or her spouse, shall state on his or her financial interest statement that he or she has disclosed that information known to him or her and that his or her spouse has refused or failed to provide other information upon his or her bona fide request, and such statement shall be deemed to satisfy the requirements of this section for such financial interest of his or her spouse; and provided further if the spouse of any person required to file a financial interest statement is also required by section 105.483 to file a financial interest statement, the financial interest statement filed by each need not disclose the financial interest of the other, provided that each financial interest statement shall state that the spouse of the person has filed a separate financial interest statement and the name under which the statement was filed:
 - (1) The name and address of each of the employers of such person from whom income of one thousand dollars or more was received during the year covered by the statement;

(2) The name and address of each sole proprietorship which he or she owned; the name, address and the general nature of the business conducted of each general partnership and joint venture in which he or she was a partner or participant; the name and address of each partner or coparticipant for each partnership or joint venture unless such names and addresses are filed by the partnership or joint venture with the secretary of state; the name, address and general nature of the business conducted of any closely held corporation or limited partnership in which the person owned ten percent or more of any class of the outstanding

stock or limited partners' units; and the name of any publicly
traded corporation or limited partnership which is listed on a
regulated stock exchange or automated quotation system in which
the person owned two percent or more of any class of outstanding
stock, limited partnership units or other equity interests;

- (3) The name and address of any other source not reported pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (2) and subdivisions (4) to (9) of this subsection from which such person received one thousand dollars or more of income during the year covered by the statement, including, but not limited to, any income otherwise required to be reported on any tax return such person is required by law to file; except that only the name of any publicly traded corporation or limited partnership which is listed on a regulated stock exchange or automated quotation system need be reported pursuant to this subdivision;
- (4) The location by county, the subclassification for property tax assessment purposes, the approximate size and a description of the major improvements and use for each parcel of real property in the state, other than the individual's personal residence, having a fair market value of ten thousand dollars or more in which such person held a vested interest including a leasehold for a term of ten years or longer, and, if the property was transferred during the year covered by the statement, the name and address of the persons furnishing or receiving consideration for such transfer;
- (5) The name and address of each entity in which such person owned stock, bonds or other equity interest with a value

- 1 in excess of ten thousand dollars; except that, if the entity is a corporation listed on a regulated stock exchange, only the name 2 3 of the corporation need be listed; and provided that any member of any board or commission of the state or any political 5 subdivision who does not receive any compensation for his or her services to the state or political subdivision other than 6 7 reimbursement for his or her actual expenses or a per diem allowance as prescribed by law for each day of such service need 8 9 not report interests in publicly traded corporations or limited partnerships which are listed on a regulated stock exchange or 10 automated quotation system pursuant to this subdivision; and 11 provided further that the provisions of this subdivision shall 12 not require reporting of any interest in any qualified plan or 13 14 annuity pursuant to the Employees' Retirement Income Security 15 Act;
 - (6) The name and address of each corporation for which such person served in the capacity of a director, officer or receiver;

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- (7) The name and address of each not-for-profit corporation and each association, organization, or union, whether incorporated or not, except not-for-profit corporations formed to provide church services, fraternal organizations or service clubs from which the officer or employee draws no remuneration, in which such person was an officer, director, employee or trustee at any time during the year covered by the statement, and for each such organization, a general description of the nature and purpose of the organization;
 - (8) The name and address of each source from which such

- 1 person received a gift or gifts, or honorarium or honoraria in
- 2 excess of two hundred dollars in value per source during the year
- 3 covered by the statement other than gifts from persons within the
- 4 third degree of consanguinity or affinity of the person filing
- 5 the financial interest statement. For the purposes of this
- 6 section, a "gift" shall not be construed to mean political
- 7 contributions otherwise required to be reported by law or
- 8 hospitality such as food, beverages or admissions to social, art,
- 9 or sporting events or the like, or informational material. For
- 10 the purposes of this section, a "gift" shall include gifts to or
- 11 by creditors of the individual for the purpose of cancelling,
- 12 reducing or otherwise forgiving the indebtedness of the
- individual to that creditor;
- 14 (9) The lodging and travel expenses provided by any third
- person for expenses incurred outside the state of Missouri
- whether by gift or in relation to the duties of office of such
- 17 official, except that such statement shall not include travel or
- 18 lodging expenses:
- 19 (a) Paid in the ordinary course of business for businesses
- described in subdivisions (1), (2), (5) and (6) of this
- 21 subsection which are related to the duties of office of such
- 22 official; or
- 23 (b) For which the official may be reimbursed as provided by
- 24 law; or
- (c) Paid by persons related by the third degree of
- 26 consanguinity or affinity to the person filing the statement; or
- 27 (d) Expenses which are reported by the campaign committee

- 1 or candidate committee of the person filing the statement
- 2 pursuant to the provisions of chapter 130; or
- 3 (e) Paid for purely personal purposes which are not related
- 4 to the person's official duties by a third person who is not a
- 5 lobbyist, a lobbyist principal or member, or officer or director
- of a member, of any association or entity which employs a
- 7 lobbyist. The statement shall include the name and address of
- 8 such person who paid the expenses, the date such expenses were
- 9 incurred, the amount incurred, the location of the travel and
- 10 lodging, and the nature of the services rendered or reason for
- 11 the expenses;
- 12 (10) The assets in any revocable trust of which the
- individual is the settlor if such assets would otherwise be
- 14 required to be reported under this section;
- 15 (11) The name, position and relationship of any relative
- within the first degree of consanguinity or affinity to any other
- 17 person who:
- 18 (a) Is employed by the state of Missouri, by a political
- 19 subdivision of the state or special district, as defined in
- 20 section 115.013, of the state of Missouri;
- 21 (b) Is a lobbyist; or
- (c) Is a fee agent of the department of revenue;
- 23 (12) The name and address of each campaign committee,
- 24 political committee, candidate committee, or continuing committee
- 25 for which such person or any corporation listed on such person's
- 26 financial interest statement received payment; and
- 27 (13) For members of the general assembly or any statewide

- elected public official, their spouses, and their dependent children, whether any state tax credits were claimed on the member's, spouse's, or dependent child's most recent state income tax return.
- For the purposes of subdivisions (1), (2) and (3) of 5 subsection 2 of this section, an individual shall be deemed to 6 7 have received a salary from his or her employer or income from any source at the time when he or she shall receive a negotiable 8 9 instrument whether or not payable at a later date and at the time when under the practice of his or her employer or the terms of an 10 agreement he or she has earned or is entitled to anything of 11 12 actual value whether or not delivery of the value is deferred or right to it has vested. The term income as used in this section 13 14 shall have the same meaning as provided in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and amendments thereto, as the same may be or 15 becomes effective, at any time or from time to time for the 16 taxable year, provided that income shall not be considered 17 18 received or earned for purposes of this section from a partnership or sole proprietorship until such income is converted 19 20 from business to personal use.
 - 4. Each official, officer or employee or candidate of any political subdivision described in subdivision (11) of section 105.483 shall be required to file a financial interest statement as required by subsection 2 of this section, unless the political subdivision biennially adopts an ordinance, order or resolution at an open meeting by September fifteenth of the preceding year, which establishes and makes public its own method of disclosing

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- potential conflicts of interest and substantial interests and
 therefore excludes the political subdivision or district and its
 officers and employees from the requirements of subsection 2 of
 this section. A certified copy of the ordinance, order or
 resolution shall be sent to the commission within ten days of its
 adoption. The commission shall assist any political subdivision
 in developing forms to complete the requirements of this
- 8 subsection. The ordinance, order or resolution shall contain, at
 9 a minimum, the following requirements with respect to disclosure
 10 of substantial interests:

- (1) Disclosure in writing of the following described transactions, if any such transactions were engaged in during the calendar year:
- (a) For such person, and all persons within the first degree of consanguinity or affinity of such person, the date and the identities of the parties to each transaction with a total value in excess of five hundred dollars, if any, that such person had with the political subdivision, other than compensation received as an employee or payment of any tax, fee or penalty due to the political subdivision, and other than transfers for no consideration to the political subdivision;
- (b) The date and the identities of the parties to each transaction known to the person with a total value in excess of five hundred dollars, if any, that any business entity in which such person had a substantial interest, had with the political subdivision, other than payment of any tax, fee or penalty due to the political subdivision or transactions involving payment for

providing utility service to the political subdivision, and other than transfers for no consideration to the political subdivision;

- (2) The chief administrative officer and chief purchasing officer of such political subdivision shall disclose in writing the information described in subdivisions (1), (2) and (6) of subsection 2 of this section:
- (3) Disclosure of such other financial interests applicable to officials, officers and employees of the political subdivision, as may be required by the ordinance or resolution;
 - (4) Duplicate disclosure reports made pursuant to this subsection shall be filed with the commission and the governing body of the political subdivision. The clerk of such governing body shall maintain such disclosure reports available for public inspection and copying during normal business hours.
 - 5. The name and employer of dependent children under twenty-one years of age of each person required to file a financial interest form under this section shall be redacted and not made publicly available, upon the written request of such person to the commission.
 - 6. Nothing in subsection 5 of this section shall be construed to abate the responsibility of reporting the names and employers of dependent children of each person required to file a financial interest form.
 - 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 eligible to vote at the polling place if such

- 1 voter expects to be prevented from going to the polls to vote on election day due to: 2
- 3 (1)Absence on election day from the jurisdiction of the election authority in which such voter is registered to vote; 4
 - (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;
 - Religious belief or practice;

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- Employment as an election authority, as a member of an election authority, or by an election authority at a location 11 other than such voter's polling place; 12
- Incarceration, provided all qualifications for voting 13 14 are retained:
 - (6) Certified participation in the address confidentiality program established under sections 589.660 to 589.681 because of safety concerns; or
 - (7) For an election that occurs during a state of emergency declared by the governor and during the year 2020, avoiding the risk of contracting or transmitting severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 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

- 1 even though the person is not registered. A federal postcard
- 2 application submitted by a covered voter pursuant to this
- 3 subsection shall also serve as a voter registration application
- 4 under section 115.908 and the election authority shall, if
- 5 satisfied that the applicant is entitled to register, place the
- 6 voter's name on the voter registration file. Each covered voter
- 7 may vote by absentee ballot or, upon submitting an affidavit that
- 8 the person is qualified to vote in the election, may vote at the
- 9 person's polling place.
- 3. Any interstate former resident, as defined in section
- 11 115.275, may vote by absentee ballot for presidential and vice
- 12 presidential electors.
- 4. Any intrastate new resident, as defined in section
- 14 115.275, may vote by absentee ballot at the election for
- 15 presidential and vice presidential electors, United States
- senator, representative in Congress, statewide elected officials
- 17 and statewide questions, propositions and amendments from such
- 18 resident's new jurisdiction of residence after registering to
- vote in such resident's new jurisdiction of residence.
- 20 5. Any new resident, as defined in section 115.275, may
- vote by absentee ballot for presidential and vice presidential
- 22 electors after registering to vote in such resident's new
- 23 jurisdiction of residence.
- 24 115.306. 1. No person shall qualify as a candidate for
- 25 elective public office in the state of Missouri who has been
- 26 found guilty of or pled guilty to a felony under the federal laws
- of the United States of America or to a felony under the laws of

this state or an offense committed in another state that would be considered a felony in this state.

- 2. (1) Any person who files as a candidate for election to a public office shall be disqualified from participation in the election for which the candidate has filed if such person is delinquent in the payment of any state income taxes, personal property taxes, municipal taxes, real property taxes on the place of residence, as stated on the declaration of candidacy, or if the person is a past or present corporate officer of any fee office that owes any taxes to the state.
 - (2) Each potential candidate for election to a public office, except candidates for a county or city committee of a political party, shall file an affidavit with the department of revenue and include a copy of the affidavit with the declaration of candidacy required under section 115.349. Such affidavit shall be in substantially the following form:

AFFIRMATION OF TAX PAYMENTS AND BONDING REQUIREMENTS:

I hereby declare under penalties of perjury that I am not currently aware of any delinquency in the filing or payment of any state income taxes, personal property taxes, municipal taxes, real property taxes on the place of residence, as stated on the declaration of candidacy, or that I am a past or present corporate officer of any fee office that owes any taxes to the state, other than those taxes which may be in dispute.

I declare under penalties of perjury that I am not aware of any information that would prohibit me from

fulfilling any bonding requirements for the office for which I am filing.

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(3) Upon receipt of a complaint alleging a delinquency of the candidate in the filing or payment of any state income taxes, personal property taxes, municipal taxes, real property taxes on the place of residence, as stated on the declaration of candidacy, or if the person is a past or present corporate officer of any fee office that owes any taxes to the state, the department of revenue shall investigate such potential candidate to verify the claim contained in the complaint. If the department of revenue finds a positive affirmation to be false, the department shall contact the secretary of state, or the election official who accepted such candidate's declaration of candidacy, and the potential candidate. The department shall notify the candidate of the outstanding tax owed and give the candidate thirty days to remit any such outstanding taxes owed which are not the subject of dispute between the department and the candidate. If the candidate fails to remit such amounts in full within thirty days, the candidate shall be disqualified from participating in the current election and barred from refiling for an entire election cycle even if the individual pays all of the outstanding taxes that were the subject of the complaint.

(4) Any person who files as a candidate for election to a public office that performs county functions in a city not within a county shall provide appropriate copies of paid tax receipts or

- 1 no tax due statements for each tax listed in subdivision (1) of
- 2 this subsection that indicates the person has paid all taxes due
- 3 and is not delinquent in any tax. If available, the election
- 4 authority shall utilize online databases to verify the
- 5 <u>candidate's taxes instead of the paper copies provided by the</u>
- 6 <u>candidate</u>. The election authority shall review such
- 7 <u>documentation and the affirmation of tax payments required under</u>
- 8 subdivision (2) of this subsection. The election authority may
- 9 <u>file a complaint with the department of revenue if there appears</u>
- 10 to be any delinquency. In addition to the above review, the
- 11 <u>election authority shall verify there is no ethics complaint</u>
- filed under section 105.472 with the Missouri ethics commission
- for this person. If such a complaint has been filed against such
- 14 a person, the election authority shall not allow the person's
- name to be placed on a ballot until the ethics complaint has been
- 16 resolved. This subdivision shall only apply to a city not within
- a county's offices that perform county functions.
- 18 115.357. 1. Except as provided in subsections 3 and 4 of
- 19 this section, each candidate for federal, state or county office
- shall, before filing his or her declaration of candidacy, pay to
- 21 the treasurer of the state or county committee of the political
- 22 party upon whose ticket he or she seeks nomination a certain sum
- of money as follows:
- 24 (1) To the treasurer of the state central committee, two
- 25 hundred dollars if he or she is a candidate for statewide office
- or for United States senator, one hundred dollars if he or she is
- 27 a candidate for representative in Congress, circuit judge or

state senator, and fifty dollars if he or she is a candidate for state representative;

- 3 (2) To the treasurer of the county central committee, fifty 4 dollars if he or she is a candidate for county office.
 - 2. The required sum may be submitted by the candidate to the official accepting his or her declaration of candidacy, except that a candidate required to file his or her declaration of candidacy with the secretary of state shall pay the required sum directly to the treasurer of the appropriate party committee.

 All sums [so] submitted to the official accepting the candidate's declaration of candidacy shall be forwarded promptly by the official to the treasurer of the appropriate party committee.
 - 3. Any person who cannot pay the fee required to file as a candidate may have the fee waived by filing a declaration of inability to pay and a petition with his declaration of candidacy. Each such declaration shall be in substantially the following form:

DECLARATION OF INABILITY TO PAY FILING FEE

I, _____, do hereby swear that I am financially unable

to pay the fee of _____ (amount of fee) to file as a

candidate for nomination to the office of _____ at the

primary election to be held on the _____ day of

_____, 20_____.

Subscribed and sworn to

Signature of candidate before me this _____ day

of _____, 20_____.

Residence address Signature of election official or officer authorized to administer oaths

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If the candidate's declaration of candidacy is to be filed in person, the declaration of inability to pay shall be subscribed and sworn to by the candidate before the election official who witnesses the candidate's declaration of candidacy. If his declaration of candidacy is to be filed by certified mail pursuant to subsection 2 of section 115.355, the declaration of inability to pay shall be subscribed and sworn to by the candidate before the notary or other officer who witnesses the candidate's declaration of candidacy. With his declaration of inability to pay, the candidate shall submit a petition endorsing his candidacy. Except for the number of signatures required, each such petition shall, insofar as practicable, be in the form provided in sections 115.321 and 115.325. If the person filing declaration of indigence is to be a candidate for statewide office, his petition shall be signed by the number of registered voters in the state equal to at least one-half of one percent of the total number of votes cast in the state for the office at the last election in which a candidate ran for the office. If the

- 1 person filing a declaration of indigence is to be a candidate for
- 2 any other office, the petition shall be signed by the number of
- 3 registered voters in the district or political subdivision which
- 4 is equal to at least one percent of the total number of votes
- 5 cast for the office at the last election in which a candidate ran
- for the office. The candidate's declaration of inability to pay
- 7 and the petition shall be filed at the same time and in the same
- 8 manner as his declaration of candidacy is filed. The petition
- 9 shall be checked and its sufficiency determined in the same
- 10 manner as new party and independent candidate petitions.
- 11 4. No filing fee shall be required of any person who
- 12 proposes to be an independent candidate, the candidate of a new
- party or a candidate for presidential elector.
- 14 5. Except as provided in subsections 3 and 4 of this
- section, no candidate's name shall be printed on any official
- 16 ballot until the required fee has been paid.
- 17 115.427. 1. Persons seeking to vote in a public election
- shall establish their identity and eligibility to vote at the
- 19 polling place, or, if voting absentee in person under section
- 20 <u>115.257</u>, at the office of the election authority, by presenting a
- 21 form of personal identification to election officials. No form of
- 22 personal identification other than the forms listed in this
- 23 section shall be accepted to establish a voter's qualifications
- 24 to vote. Forms of personal identification that satisfy the
- 25 requirements of this section are any one of the following:
- 26 (1) Nonexpired Missouri driver's license;

(2) Nonexpired or nonexpiring Missouri nondriver's license;

- 1 (3) A document that satisfies all of the following 2 requirements:
- 3 (a) The document contains the name of the individual to
 4 whom the document was issued, and the name substantially conforms
 5 to the most recent signature in the individual's voter
 6 registration record;
 - (b) The document shows a photograph of the individual;

- (c) The document includes an expiration date, and the document is not expired, or, if expired, the document expired after the date of the most recent general election; and
 - (d) The document was issued by the United States or the state of Missouri; or
 - (4) Any identification containing a photograph of the individual which is issued by the Missouri National Guard, the United States Armed Forces, or the United States Department of Veteran Affairs to a member or former member of the Missouri National Guard or the United States Armed Forces and that is not expired or does not have an expiration date.
 - 2. (1) An individual who appears at a polling place without a form of personal identification described in subsection 1 of this section and who is otherwise qualified to vote at that polling place [may execute a statement, under penalty of perjury, averring that the individual is the person listed in the precinct register; averring that the individual does not possess a form of personal identification described in subsection 1 of this section; acknowledging that the individual is eligible to receive a Missouri nondriver's license free of charge if desiring it in

1 order to vote; and acknowledging that the individual is required 2 to present a form of personal identification, as described in 3 subsection 1 of this section, in order to vote. Such statement shall be executed and sworn to before the election official receiving the statement. Upon executing such statement, the 5 individual may cast a regular ballot, provided such individual 7 presents one of the following forms of identification: (a) Identification issued by the state of Missouri, an 8 agency of the state, or a local election authority of the state; 9 (b) Identification issued by the United States government 10 11 or agency thereof; 12 (c) Identification issued by an institution of higher education, including a university, college, vocational and 13 technical school, located within the state of Missouri; 14 (d) A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, 15 16 government check, paycheck, or other government document that contains the name and address of the individual; 17 (e) Other identification approved by the secretary of state 18 19 under rules promulgated pursuant to this section. 20 (2) For any individual who appears at a polling place 21 without a form of personal identification described in subsection 22 1 of this section and who is otherwise qualified to vote at that 23 polling place, the election authority may take a picture of such 24 individual and keep it as part of that individual's voter 25 registration file at the election authority. (3) Any individual who chooses not to execute the statement 26

described in subdivision (1) of this subsection may cast a

provisional ballot. Such provisional ballot shall be counted, 1 2 provided that it meets the requirements of subsection 4 of this section. 3 (4) For the purposes of this section, the term "election official" shall include any person working under the authority of 5 the election authority. 3. The statement to be used for voting under subdivision (1) of subsection 2 of this section shall be substantially in the 8 following form: 9 10 "State of 11 12 County of 13 I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that my name is ; that I reside at ; that I am the person listed in 14 15 the precinct register under this name and at this 16 address; and that, under penalty of perjury, I do not 17 possess a form of personal identification approved for 18 voting. As a person who does not possess a form of 19 personal identification approved for voting, I 20 acknowledge that I am eligible to receive free of 21 charge a Missouri nondriver's license at any fee office 22 if desiring it in order to vote. I furthermore 23 acknowledge that I am required to present a form of 24 personal identification, as prescribed by law, in order 25 to vote. I understand that knowingly providing false information 26

is a violation of law and subjects me to possible

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3	Signature of voter
4	Subscribed and affirmed before me this day of
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7	Signature of election official"
8	4. A voter] shall be allowed to cast a provisional ballot
9	[under section 115.430 even if the election judges cannot
10	establish the voter's identity under this section]. The election
11	judges shall make a notation on the provisional ballot envelope
12	to indicate that the voter's identity was not verified.
13	(2) No person shall be entitled to receive a provisional
14	ballot until such person has completed a provisional ballot
15	affidavit on the provisional ballot envelope. All provisional
16	ballots shall be marked with a conspicuous stamp or mark that
17	makes them distinguishable from other ballots.
18	(3) The provisional ballot envelope shall be completed by
19	the voter for use in determining the voter's eligibility to cast
20	a ballot.
21	3. The provisional ballot envelope shall provide a place
22	for the voter's name, address, date of birth, and last four
23	digits of his or her Social Security number, followed by a
24	certificate in substantially the following form:
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26	I do solemnly swear that I am the person
27	identified above and the information provided is

1	correct. I understand that my vote will not be counted
2	unless:
3	(1) I return to this polling place today between
4	6:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. and provide one of the
5	following forms of identification:
6	(a) Nonexpired Missouri driver's license;
7	(b) Nonexpired or nonexpiring Missouri
8	<pre>nondriver's license;</pre>
9	(c) A document that satisfies all of the
10	<pre>following requirements:</pre>
11	(i) The document contains my name, in
12	substantially the same form as the most recent
13	signature on my voter registration record;
14	(ii) The document contains my photograph;
15	(iii) The document contains an expiration date
16	and the document is not expired, or if expired, the
17	document expired after the date of the most recent
18	general election; and
19	(iv) The document was issued by the United States
20	or the state of Missouri; or
21	(d) Identification containing my photograph
22	issued to me by the Missouri National Guard, the United
23	States ArmedForces, or the United States Department of
24	Veteran Affairs as a member or former member of the
25	Missouri National Guard or the United States Armed
26	Forces and that is not expired or does not have an
27	expiration date; or

Τ	(2) The election authority verifies my identity
2	by comparing my signature on this envelope to the
3	signature on file with the election authority and
4	determines that I was eligible to cast a ballot at this
5	polling place; and
6	(3) This provisional ballot otherwise qualifies to
7	be counted under the laws of the state of Missouri.
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10	<u>Signature of Voter</u> <u>Date</u>
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13	Signatures of Election Officials
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15	Once voted, the provisional ballot shall be sealed in the
16	provisional ballot envelope and deposited in the ballot box.
17	$\underline{4.}$ The provisional ballot cast by such voter shall not be
18	counted unless:
19	(1) (a) The voter returns to the polling place during the
20	uniform polling hours established by section 115.407 and provides
21	a form of personal identification that allows the election judges
22	to verify the voter's identity as provided in subsection 1 of
23	this section; or
24	(b) The election authority verifies the identity of the
25	individual by comparing that individual's signature to the
26	signature on file with the election authority and determines that
27	the individual was eligible to cast a ballot at the polling place

1 where the ballot was cast; and

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- The provisional ballot otherwise qualifies to be 2 3 counted under section 115.430.
- 5. [The secretary of state shall provide advance notice of 5 the personal identification requirements of subsection 1 of this section in a manner calculated to inform the public generally of 7 the requirement for forms of personal identification as provided in this section. Such advance notice shall include, at a 8 9 minimum, the use of advertisements and public service announcements in print, broadcast television, radio, and cable 11 television media, as well as the posting of information on the 12 opening pages of the official state internet websites of the 13 secretary of state and governor.
 - -6.] (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 136.055 and section 302.181 to the contrary, the state and all fee offices shall provide one nondriver's license at no cost to any otherwise qualified voter who does not already possess such identification and who desires the identification [in order to vote] for voting.
 - This state and its agencies shall provide one copy of each of the following, free of charge, if needed by an individual seeking to obtain a form of personal identification described in subsection 1 of this section [in order to vote] for voting:
 - A birth certificate; (a)
- 25 A marriage license or certificate; (b)
- (c) A divorce decree; 26
 - (d) A certificate of decree of adoption;

- 1 (e) A court order changing the person's name;
- 2 (f) A Social Security card reflecting an updated name; and
- 3 (g) Naturalization papers or other documents from the 4 United States Department of State proving citizenship.

Any individual seeking one of the above documents in order to obtain a form of personal identification described in subsection 1 of this section [in order to vote] for voting may request the secretary of state to facilitate the acquisition of such documents. The secretary of state shall pay any fee or fees charged by another state or its agencies, or any court of competent jurisdiction in this state or any other state, or the federal government or its agencies, in order to obtain any of the

above documents from such state or the federal government.

- (3) [All costs associated with the implementation of this section shall be reimbursed from the general revenue of this state by an appropriation for that purpose. If there is not a sufficient appropriation of state funds, then the personal identification requirements of subsection 1 of this section shall not be enforced.
- [the purpose of] voting shall not be required to pay a fee [if the applicant executes a statement, under penalty of perjury, averring that the applicant does not have any other form of personal identification that meets the requirements of this section]. The state of Missouri shall pay the legally required fees for any such applicant. [The director of the department of

The total cost associated with nondriver's license photo 2 3 identification under this subsection shall be borne by the state of Missouri from funds appropriated to the department of revenue 5 for that specific purpose.] The department of revenue and a local election authority may enter into a contract that allows 7 the local election authority to assist the department in issuing nondriver's license photo identifications. 8 9 [7.] 6. The director of the department of revenue shall, by January first of each year, prepare and deliver to each member of 10 the general assembly a report documenting the number of 11 12 individuals who have requested and received a nondriver's license photo identification for the purposes of voting under this 13 14 section. The report shall also include the number of persons requesting a nondriver's license for purposes of voting under 15 this section, but not receiving such license, and the reason for 16 the denial of the nondriver's license. 17 [8.] 7. The precinct register shall serve as the voter 18 identification certificate. The following form shall be printed 19 20 at the top of each page of the precinct register: VOTER'S IDENTIFICATION CERTIFICATE 21 22 Warning: It is against the law for anyone to vote, or 23 attempt to vote, without having a lawful right to vote. 24 PRECINCT 25 WARD OR TOWNSHIP GENERAL (SPECIAL, PRIMARY) ELECTION Held _____, 26 20 Date 27

revenue shall design a statement to be used for this purpose.

I hereby certify that I am qualified to vote at this
election by signing my name and verifying my address by
signing my initials next to my address.

- [9.] 8. The secretary of state shall promulgate rules to effectuate the provisions of this section.
- [10.] 9. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2002, shall be invalid and void.
 - [11.] 10. If any voter is unable to sign his name at the appropriate place on the certificate or computer printout, an election judge shall print the name and address of the voter in the appropriate place on the precinct register, the voter shall make his mark in lieu of signature, and the voter's mark shall be witnessed by the signature of an election judge.
 - [12.] 11. This section shall become effective only upon the passage and approval by the voters of a constitutional amendment submitted to them by the general assembly regarding the authorization of photo identification requirements for elections by general law. If such constitutional amendment is approved by

- 1 the voters, this section shall become effective June 1, 2017.
- 2 115.621. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of this
- 3 section to the contrary, any legislative, senatorial, or judicial
- 4 district committee that is wholly contained within a county or a
- 5 city not within a county may choose to meet on the same day as
- 6 the respective county or city committee. All other committees
- 7 shall meet as otherwise prescribed in this section.
- 8 2. The members of each county committee shall meet at the
- 9 county seat not earlier than two weeks after each primary
- 10 election but in no event later than the third Saturday after each
- 11 primary election, at the discretion of the chairman at the
- 12 committee. In each city not within a county, the city committee
- shall meet on the same day at the city hall. In all counties of
- 14 the first, second, and third classification, the county
- 15 courthouse shall be made available for such meetings and any
- other county political party meeting at no charge to the party
- 17 committees. In all cities not within a county, the city hall
- shall be made available for such meetings and any other city
- 19 political party meeting at no charge to the party committees. At
- the meeting, each committee shall organize by electing two of its
- 21 members, a man and a woman, as chair and vice chair, and a man
- and a woman who may or may not be members of the committee as
- 23 secretary and treasurer.
- 24 3. The members of each congressional district committee
- 25 shall meet at some place and time within the district, to be
- designated by the current chair of the committee, not earlier
- 27 than five weeks after each primary election but in no event later

- 1 than the sixth Saturday after each primary election. The county
- 2 courthouse in counties of the first, second and third
- 3 classification in which the meeting is to take place, as
- 4 designated by the chair, shall be made available for such meeting
- 5 and any other congressional district political party committee
- 6 meeting at no charge to the committee. At the meeting, the
- 7 committee shall organize by electing one of its members as chair
- 8 and one of its members as vice chair, one of whom shall be a
- 9 woman and one of whom shall be a man, and a secretary and a
- 10 treasurer, one of whom shall be a woman and one of whom shall be
- a man, who may or may not be members of the committee.
- 12 4. The members of each legislative district committee shall
- 13 meet at some place and date within the legislative district or
- 14 within one of the counties in which the legislative district
- exists, to be designated by the current chair of the committee,
- not earlier than three weeks after each primary election but in
- 17 no event later than the fourth Saturday after each primary
- 18 election. The county courthouse in counties of the first, second
- and third classification in which the meeting is to take place,
- 20 as designated by the chair, shall be made available for such
- 21 meeting and any other legislative district political party
- 22 committee meeting at no charge to the committee. At the meeting,
- 23 the committee shall organize by electing two of its members, a
- 24 man and a woman, as chair and vice chair, and a man and a woman
- 25 who may or may not be members of the committee as secretary and
- 26 treasurer.

5. The members of each senatorial district committee shall

- 1 meet at some place and date within the district, to be designated by the current chair of the committee, if there is one, and if 2 3 not, by the chair of the congressional district in which the senatorial district is principally located, not earlier than four 5 weeks after each primary election but in no event later than the fifth Saturday after each primary election. The county 6 7 courthouse in counties of the first, second and third classification in which the meeting is to take place, as so 8 9 designated pursuant to this subsection, shall be made available 10 for such meeting and any other senatorial district political party committee meeting at no charge to the committee. At the 11 12 meeting, the committee shall organize by electing one of its members as chair and one of its members as vice chair, one of 13 14 whom shall be a woman and one of whom shall be a man, and a secretary and a treasurer, one of whom shall be a woman and one 15 of whom shall be a man, who may or may not be members of the 16 committee. 17
 - 6. The members of each senatorial district shall also meet at some place within the district, to be designated by the current chair of the committee, if there is one, and if not, by the chair of the congressional district in which the senatorial district is principally located, on the Saturday after each general election or concurrently with the election of senatorial officers, if designated by the chair of the congressional district where the senatorial district is principally located. At the meeting, the committee shall proceed to elect two registered voters of the district, one man and one woman, as

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- The members of each judicial district may meet at some 2 3 place and date within the judicial district or within one of the counties in which the judicial district exists, to be designated 5 by the current chair of the committee or the chair of the congressional district committee, not earlier than six weeks 7 after each primary election but in no event later than the seventh Saturday after each primary election. 8 The county 9 courthouse in counties of the first, second and third 10 classification in which the meeting is to take place, as so designated pursuant to this subsection, shall be made available 11 12 for such meeting and any other judicial district political party committee meeting at no charge to the committee. At the meeting, 13 14 the committee shall organize by electing two of its members, a
 - 115.631. The following offenses, and any others specifically so described by law, shall be class one election offenses and are deemed felonies connected with the exercise of the right of suffrage. Conviction for any of these offenses shall be punished by imprisonment of not more than five years or by fine of not less than two thousand five hundred dollars but not more than ten thousand dollars or by both such imprisonment and fine:

man and a woman, as chair and vice chair, and a man and a woman

who may or may not be members of the committee as secretary and

(1) Willfully and falsely making any certificate, affidavit, or statement required to be made pursuant to any

- 1 provision of this chapter, including but not limited to
- 2 statements specifically required to be made "under penalty of
- 3 perjury"; or in any other manner knowingly furnishing false
- 4 information to an election authority or election official engaged
- 5 in any lawful duty or action in such a way as to hinder or
- 6 mislead the authority or official in the performance of official
- 7 duties. If an individual willfully and falsely makes any
- 8 certificate, affidavit, or statement required to be made under
- 9 section 115.155, including but not limited to statements
- specifically required to be made "under penalty of perjury", such
- individual shall be guilty of a class D felony;
- 12 (2) Voting more than once or voting at any election knowing
- that the person is not entitled to vote or that the person has
- 14 already voted on the same day at another location inside or
- 15 outside the state of Missouri;
- 16 (3) Procuring any person to vote knowing the person is not
- 17 lawfully entitled to vote or knowingly procuring an illegal vote
- 18 to be cast at any election;
- 19 (4) Applying for a ballot in the name of any other person,
- 20 whether the name be that of a person living or dead or of a
- 21 fictitious person, or applying for a ballot in his or her own or
- 22 any other name after having once voted at the election inside or
- 23 outside the state of Missouri;
- 24 (5) Aiding, abetting or advising another person to vote
- 25 knowing the person is not legally entitled to vote or knowingly
- 26 aiding, abetting or advising another person to cast an illegal
- 27 vote;

1 (6) An election judge knowingly causing or permitting any 2 ballot to be in the ballot box at the opening of the polls and 3 before the voting commences;

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- (7) Knowingly furnishing any voter with a false or fraudulent or bogus ballot, or knowingly practicing any fraud upon a voter to induce him or her to cast a vote which will be rejected, or otherwise defrauding him or her of his or her vote;
- (8) An election judge knowingly placing or attempting to place or permitting any ballot, or paper having the semblance of a ballot, to be placed in a ballot box at any election unless the ballot is offered by a qualified voter as provided by law;
 - (9) Knowingly placing or attempting to place or causing to be placed any false or fraudulent or bogus ballot in a ballot box at any election;
 - (10) Knowingly removing any legal ballot from a ballot box for the purpose of changing the true and lawful count of any election or in any other manner knowingly changing the true and lawful count of any election;
 - (11) Knowingly altering, defacing, damaging, destroying or concealing any ballot after it has been voted for the purpose of changing the lawful count of any election;
- 22 (12) Knowingly altering, defacing, damaging, destroying or 23 concealing any poll list, report, affidavit, return or 24 certificate for the purpose of changing the lawful count of any 25 election;
- 26 (13) On the part of any person authorized to receive, tally 27 or count a poll list, tally sheet or election return, receiving,

- 1 tallying or counting a poll list, tally sheet or election return
- 2 the person knows is fraudulent, forged or counterfeit, or
- 3 knowingly making an incorrect account of any election;
- 4 (14) On the part of any person whose duty it is to grant
- 5 certificates of election, or in any manner declare the result of
- an election, granting a certificate to a person the person knows
- 7 is not entitled to receive the certificate, or declaring any
- 8 election result the person knows is based upon fraudulent,
- 9 fictitious or illegal votes or returns;
- 10 (15) Willfully destroying or damaging any official ballots,
- 11 whether marked or unmarked, after the ballots have been prepared
- for use at an election and during the time they are required by
- law to be preserved in the custody of the election judges or the
- 14 election authority;
- 15 (16) Willfully tampering with, disarranging, altering the
- information on, defacing, impairing or destroying any voting
- 17 machine or marking device after the machine or marking device has
- been prepared for use at an election and during the time it is
- 19 required by law to remain locked and sealed with intent to impair
- the functioning of the machine or marking device at an election,
- 21 mislead any voter at the election, or to destroy or change the
- 22 count or record of votes on such machine;
- 23 (17) Registering to vote knowing the person is not legally
- 24 entitled to register or registering in the name of another
- person, whether the name be that of a person living or dead or of
- 26 a fictitious person;

(18) Procuring any other person to register knowing the

- 1 person is not legally entitled to register, or aiding, abetting
- 2 or advising another person to register knowing the person is not
- 3 legally entitled to register;
- 4 (19) Knowingly preparing, altering or substituting any 5 computer program or other counting equipment to give an untrue or
- 6 unlawful result of an election;
- 7 (20) On the part of any person assisting a blind or
- 8 disabled person to vote, knowingly failing to cast such person's
- 9 vote as such person directs;
- 10 (21) On the part of any registration or election official,
- 11 permitting any person to register to vote or to vote when such
- official knows the person is not legally entitled to register or
- 13 not legally entitled to vote;
- 14 (22) On the part of a notary public acting in his or her
- official capacity, knowingly violating any of the provisions of
- this chapter or any provision of law pertaining to elections;
- 17 (23) Violation of any of the provisions of sections 115.275
- to 115.303, or of any provision of law pertaining to absentee
- 19 voting;
- 20 (24) Assisting a person to vote knowing such person is not
- legally entitled to such assistance, or while assisting a person
- 22 to vote who is legally entitled to such assistance, in any manner
- coercing, requesting or suggesting that the voter vote for or
- 24 against, or refrain from voting on any question, ticket or
- 25 candidate;
- 26 (25) Engaging in any act of violence, destruction of
- 27 property having a value of five hundred dollars or more, or

- threatening an act of violence with the intent of denying a
 person's lawful right to vote or to participate in the election
- 3 process; [and]

- 4 (26) Knowingly providing false information about election 5 procedures for the purpose of preventing any person from going to 6 the polls; and
- 7 (27) Coercing, intimidating, or pressuring a voter to vote 8 in a certain manner and attempting to verify the result of such 9 acts by obtaining photographic evidence of such voter's ballot.
 - 115.637. The following offenses, and any others specifically so described by law, shall be class four election offenses and are deemed misdemeanors not connected with the exercise of the right of suffrage. Conviction for any of these offenses shall be punished by imprisonment of not more than one year or by a fine of not more than two thousand five hundred dollars or by both such imprisonment and fine:
 - (1) Stealing or willfully concealing, defacing, mutilating, or destroying any sample ballots that may be furnished by an organization or individual at or near any voting place on election day, except that this subdivision shall not be construed so as to interfere with the right of an individual voter to erase or cause to be erased on a sample ballot the name of any candidate and substituting the name of the person for whom he or she intends to vote; or to dispose of the received sample ballot;
 - (2) Printing, circulating, or causing to be printed or circulated, any false and fraudulent sample ballots which appear on their face to be designed as a fraud upon voters;

1 (3) Purposefully giving a printed or written sample ballot 2 to any qualified voter which is intended to mislead the voter;

- (4) On the part of any candidate for election to any office of honor, trust, or profit, offering or promising to discharge the duties of such office for a less sum than the salary, fees, or emoluments as fixed by law or promising to pay back or donate to any public or private interest any portion of such salary, fees, or emolument as an inducement to voters;
- (5) On the part of any canvasser appointed to canvass any registration list, willfully failing to appear, refusing to continue, or abandoning such canvass or willfully neglecting to perform his <u>or her</u> duties in making such canvass or willfully neglecting any duties lawfully assigned to him or her;
- attempting to enforce any order, rule, or regulation or adopting any other device or method to prevent an employee from engaging in political activities, accepting candidacy for nomination to, election to, or the holding of, political office, holding a position as a member of a political committee, soliciting or receiving funds for political purpose, acting as chairman or participating in a political convention, assuming the conduct of any political campaign, signing, or subscribing his or her name to any initiative, referendum, or recall petition, or any other petition circulated pursuant to law;
- (7) On the part of any person authorized or employed to print official ballots, or any person employed in printing ballots, giving, delivering, or knowingly permitting to be taken

- 1 any ballot to or by any person other than the official under
- 2 whose direction the ballots are being printed, any ballot in any
- 3 form other than that prescribed by law, or with unauthorized
- 4 names, with names misspelled, or with the names of candidates
- 5 arranged in any way other than that authorized by law;
- 6 (8) On the part of any election authority or official
- 7 charged by law with the duty of distributing the printed ballots,
- 8 or any person acting on his or her behalf, knowingly distributing
- 9 or causing to be distributed any ballot in any manner other than
- 10 that prescribed by law;
- 11 (9) Any person having in his or her possession any official
- 12 ballot, except in the performance of his or her duty as an
- 13 election authority or official, or in the act of exercising his
- or her individual voting privilege;
- 15 (10) Willfully mutilating, defacing, or altering any ballot
- 16 before it is delivered to a voter;
- 17 (11) On the part of any election judge, being willfully
- absent from the polls on election day without good cause or
- 19 willfully detaining any election material or equipment and not
- causing it to be produced at the voting place at the opening of
- 21 the polls or within fifteen minutes thereafter;
- 22 (12) On the part of any election authority or official,
- 23 willfully neglecting, refusing, or omitting to perform any duty
- 24 required of him or her by law with respect to holding and
- conducting an election, receiving and counting out the ballots,
- or making proper returns;
- 27 (13) On the part of any election judge, or party watcher or

- 1 challenger, furnishing any information tending in any way to show
- 2 the state of the count to any other person prior to the closing
- 3 of the polls;
- 4 (14) On the part of any voter, except as otherwise provided
- 5 by law, [allowing his or her ballot to be seen by any person with
- 6 the intent of letting it be known how he or she is about to vote
- 7 or has voted, or] knowingly making a false statement as to his or
- 8 her inability to mark a ballot;
- 9 (15) On the part of any election judge, disclosing to any
- 10 person the name of any candidate for whom a voter has voted;
- 11 (16) Interfering, or attempting to interfere, with any
- 12 voter inside a polling place;
- 13 (17) On the part of any person at any registration site,
- 14 polling place, counting location or verification location,
- causing any breach of the peace or engaging in disorderly
- 16 conduct, violence, or threats of violence whereby such
- 17 registration, election, count or verification is impeded or
- 18 interfered with;
- 19 (18) Exit polling, surveying, sampling, electioneering,
- 20 distributing election literature, posting signs or placing
- vehicles bearing signs with respect to any candidate or question
- 22 to be voted on at an election on election day inside the building
- in which a polling place is located or within twenty-five feet of
- the building's outer door closest to the polling place, or, on
- 25 the part of any person, refusing to remove or permit removal from
- 26 property owned or controlled by such person, any such election
- sign or literature located within such distance on such day after

- 1 request for removal by any person;
- 2 (19) Stealing or willfully defacing, mutilating, or
- 3 destroying any campaign yard sign on private property, except
- 4 that this subdivision shall not be construed to interfere with
- 5 the right of any private property owner to take any action with
- 6 regard to campaign yard signs on the owner's property and this
- 7 subdivision shall not be construed to interfere with the right of
- 8 any candidate, or the candidate's designee, to remove the
- 9 candidate's campaign yard sign from the owner's private property
- 10 after the election day.
- 11 115.642. 1. Any person may file a complaint with the
- secretary of state stating the name of any person who has
- violated any of the provisions of sections 115.629 to 115.646 and
- 14 stating the facts of the alleged offense, sworn to, under penalty
- 15 of perjury.
- 2. Within thirty days of receiving a complaint, the
- 17 secretary of state shall notify the person filing the complaint
- whether or not the secretary has dismissed the complaint or will
- 19 commence an investigation. The secretary of state shall dismiss
- 20 frivolous complaints. For purposes of this subsection,
- 21 "frivolous complaint" shall mean an allegation clearly lacking
- 22 any basis in fact or law. Any person who makes a frivolous
- complaint pursuant to this section shall be liable for actual and
- 24 compensatory damages to the alleged violator for holding the
- 25 alleged violator before the public in a false light. If
- 26 reasonable grounds appear that the alleged offense was committed,
- 27 the secretary of state may issue a probable cause statement. If

- 1 the secretary of state issues a probable cause statement, he or
- 2 she may refer the offense to the appropriate prosecuting
- 3 attorney.
- 4 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 27.060,
- 5 56.060, or 56.430 to the contrary, when requested by the
- 6 prosecuting attorney or circuit attorney, the secretary of state
- 7 or his or her authorized representatives may aid any prosecuting
- 8 attorney or circuit attorney in the commencement and prosecution
- 9 of election offenses as provided in sections 115.629 to 115.646.
- 10 4. <u>(1)</u> The secretary of state may investigate any
- 11 suspected violation of any of the provisions of sections 115.629
- 12 to 115.646.
- (2) (a) The secretary of state or an authorized
- 14 representative of the secretary of state shall have the power to
- require the production of books, papers, correspondence,
- 16 memoranda, contracts, agreements, and other records by subpoena
- or otherwise when necessary to conduct an investigation under
- 18 this section. Such powers shall be exercised only at the
- 19 specific written direction of the secretary of state or his or
- 20 <u>her chief deputy;</u>
- 21 (b) If any person refuses to comply with a subpoena issued
- 22 <u>under this subsection, the secretary of state may seek to enforce</u>
- 23 <u>the subpoena before a court of competent jurisdiction to require</u>
- the production of books, papers, correspondence, memoranda,
- 25 <u>contracts, agreements, and other records. The court may issue an</u>
- 26 order requiring the person to produce records relating to the
- 27 <u>matter under investigation or in question. Any person who fails</u>

- 1 to comply with the order may be held in contempt of court;
- 2 (c) The provisions of this subdivision shall expire on August 28, 2025.
- 115.761. 1. The official list of presidential candidates
 for each established political party shall include the names of
 all constitutionally qualified candidates for whom, on or after
 8:00 a.m. on the fifteenth Tuesday prior to the presidential
 primary, and on or before 5:00 p.m., on the eleventh Tuesday
 prior to the presidential primary, a written request to be
 included on the presidential primary ballot is filed with the

secretary of state along with:

- (1) Receipt of payment to the state committee of the established political party on whose ballot the candidate wishes to appear of a filing fee of [one] five thousand dollars; or
- authorized by law to administer oaths, that the candidate is unable to pay the filing fee and does not have funds in a campaign fund or committee to pay the filing fee and a petition signed by not less than five thousand registered Missouri voters, as determined by the secretary of state, that the candidate's name be placed on the ballot of the specified established political party for the presidential preference primary. The request to be included on the presidential primary ballot shall include each signer's printed name, registered address and signature and shall be in substantially the following form:

I (We) the undersigned, do hereby request that the name

- of be placed upon the February , , 1 presidential primary ballot as candidate for nomination 2 3 as the nominee for President of the United States on the ____ party ticket. 4
 - 2. The state or national party organization of an established political party that adopts rules imposing signature requirements to be met before a candidate can be listed as an official candidate shall notify the secretary of state by October first of the year preceding the presidential primary.
 - Any candidate or such candidate's authorized representative may have such candidate's name stricken from the presidential primary ballot by filing with the secretary of state on or before 5:00 p.m. on the eleventh Tuesday prior to the presidential primary election a written statement, sworn to before an officer authorized by law to administer oaths, requesting that such candidate's name not be printed on the official primary ballot. Thereafter, the secretary of state shall not include the name of that candidate in the official list announced pursuant to section 115.758 or in the certified list of candidates transmitted pursuant to section 115.765.
 - The filing times set out in this section shall only apply to presidential preference primaries, and are in lieu of those established in section 115.349.
- 116.030. The following shall be substantially the form of 25 each page of referendum petitions on any law passed by the 26 general assembly of the state of Missouri:

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3	It is a class A misdemeanor punishable, notwithstanding
4	the provisions of section [560.021] 558.002 , RSMo, to
5	the contrary, for a term of imprisonment not to exceed
6	one year in the county jail or a fine not to exceed ten
7	thousand dollars or both, for anyone to sign any
8	referendum petition with any name other than his or her
9	own, or knowingly to sign his or her name more than
10	once for the same measure for the same election, or to
11	sign a petition when such person knows he or she is not
12	a registered voter.
13	PETITION FOR REFERENDUM
14	To the Honorable, Secretary of State for the
15	state of Missouri:
16	We, the undersigned, registered voters of the state of
17	Missouri and County (or City of St. Louis),
18	respectfully order that the Senate (or House) Bill No.
19	entitled (title of law), passed by the
20	general assembly of the state of Missouri, at the
21	regular (or special) session of the
22	general assembly, shall be referred to the voters of
23	the state of Missouri, for their approval or rejection,
24	at the general election to be held on the day of
25	,, unless the general assembly shall
26	designate another date, and each for himself or herself
27	says: I have personally signed this petition; I am a

1	registered voter of the state of Missouri and
2	County (or City of St. Louis); my registered voting
3	address and the name of the city, town or village in
4	which I live are correctly written after my name.
5	(Official Ballot title)
6	CIRCULATOR'S AFFIDAVIT
7	State Of Missouri,
8	County Of
9	I,, being first duly sworn, say (print or type
10	names of signers)
11	NAME DATE REGISTERED ZIP CONGR. NAME
	SIGNED VOTING CODE DIST.
	ADDRESS
12	(Street) (Printed
13	(Signature) (City, or Typed)
	Town or
	Village)
14	(Here follow numbered lines for signers)
15	signed this page of the foregoing petition, and each of
16	them signed his or her name thereto in my presence; I
17	believe that each has stated his or her name,
18	registered voting address and city, town or village
19	correctly, and that each signer is a registered voter
20	of the state of Missouri and County.
21	FURTHERMORE, I HEREBY SWEAR OR AFFIRM UNDER PENALTY OF
22	PERJURY THAT ALL STATEMENTS MADE BY ME ARE TRUE AND
23	CORRECT AND THAT I HAVE NEVER BEEN CONVICTED OF, FOUND

1	GUILTY OF, OR PLED GUILTY TO ANY OFFENSE INVOLVING
2	FORGERY.
3	I am at least 18 years of age. I do do not
4	(check one) expect to be paid for circulating
5	this petition. If paid, list the payer
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7	Signature of Affiant
8	(Person obtaining signatures)
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10	(Printed Name of Affiant)
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12	Address of Affiant
13	Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of
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16	Signature of Notary
17	Address of Notary
18	Notary Public (Seal)
19	My commission expires
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21	If this form is followed substantially and the requirements of
22	[section] sections 116.045, 116.050, and [section] 116.080 are
23	met, it shall be sufficient, disregarding clerical and merely
24	technical errors.
25	116.040. The following shall be substantially the form of
26	each page of each petition for any law or amendment to the
27	Constitution of the state of Missouri proposed by the initiative:

County Page No. 2 3 It is a class A misdemeanor punishable, notwithstanding the provisions of section [560.021] 558.021, RSMo, to the contrary, for a term of imprisonment not to exceed 5 one year in the county jail or a fine not to exceed ten 6 7 thousand dollars or both, for anyone to sign any initiative petition with any name other than his or her 8 own, or knowingly to sign his or her name more than 9 10 once for the same measure for the same election, or to 11 sign a petition when such person knows he or she is not 12 a registered voter. INITIATIVE PETITION 13 To the Honorable , Secretary of State for the 14 state of Missouri: 15 We, the undersigned, registered voters of the state of 16 Missouri and County (or City of St. Louis), 17 respectfully order that the following proposed law (or 18 amendment to the constitution) shall be submitted to 19 20 the voters of the state of Missouri, for their approval 21 or rejection, at the general election to be held on the _____ day of ____, ___, and each for himself or 22 23 herself says: I have personally signed this petition; I am a registered voter of the state of Missouri and 24 25 County (or City of St. Louis); my registered voting address and the name of the city, town or 26 village in which I live are correctly written after my 27

Τ.	name.
2	(Official Ballot title)
3	CIRCULATOR'S AFFIDAVIT
4	State Of Missouri,
5	County Of
6	I,, being first duly sworn, say (print or type
7	names of signers)
8	NAME DATE REGISTERED ZIP CONGR. NAME
	SIGNED VOTING CODE DIST.
	ADDRESS
9	(Street) (Printed
10	(Signature) (City, Town or Typed)
	or Village)
11	(Here follow numbered lines for signers)
12	signed this page of the foregoing petition, and each of
13	them signed his or her name thereto in my presence; I
14	believe that each has stated his or her name,
15	registered voting address and city, town or village
16	correctly, and that each signer is a registered voter
17	of the state of Missouri and County.
18	FURTHERMORE, I HEREBY SWEAR OR AFFIRM UNDER PENALTY OF
19	PERJURY THAT ALL STATEMENTS MADE BY ME ARE TRUE AND
20	CORRECT AND THAT I HAVE NEVER BEEN CONVICTED OF, FOUND
21	GUILTY OF, OR PLED GUILTY TO ANY OFFENSE INVOLVING
22	FORGERY.
23	I am at least 18 years of age. I do do not
24	(check one) expect to be paid for circulating

Τ	this petition. If paid, list the payer
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3	Signature of Affiant
4	(Person obtaining signatures)
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6	(Printed Name of Affiant)
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8	Address of Affiant
9	Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of
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12	Signature of Notary
13	Address of Notary
14	Notary Public (Seal)
15	My commission expires
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17	If this form is followed substantially and the requirements of
18	[section] sections 116.045, 116.050, and [section] 116.080 are
19	met, it shall be sufficient, disregarding clerical and merely
20	technical errors.
21	116.045. Initiative and referendum petition signature pages
22	shall be printed on a form prescribed by the secretary of state,
23	which shall include all of the information and statements set
24	forth in section 116.030 or 116.040, as applicable, and comply
25	with section 116.050. The form shall be made available in
26	electronic format for printing and circulating petitions.
27	116.050. 1. Initiative and referendum petitions filed

- 1 under the provisions of this chapter shall consist of pages of a
- 2 uniform size. Each page, excluding the text of the measure,
- 3 shall be no larger than eight and one-half by fourteen inches.
- 4 The text of the proposed measure shall be in a font that is not
- 5 smaller than twelve-point Times New Roman and have top, bottom,
- 6 left, and right margins of no less than one inch. Page numbers
- 7 <u>may appear in the bottom margin.</u> Each page of an initiative
- 8 petition shall be attached to or shall contain a full and correct
- 9 text of the proposed measure. Each page of a referendum petition
- shall be attached to or shall contain a full and correct text of
- 11 the measure on which the referendum is sought.
- 12 2. The secretary of state shall collect an initiative and
- 13 <u>referendum petition filing fee of five hundred dollars for each</u>
- 14 petition sample sheet filed. An additional filing fee of twenty-
- 15 <u>five dollars shall be collected for each page of text of the</u>
- 16 measure in excess of two pages. The filing fee shall be
- 17 deposited in the state treasury and credited to the secretary of
- state's petition publication fund established under section
- 19 <u>116.270</u>. The filing fee shall be refunded from the fund to the
- 20 person designated as the recipient of notices under section
- 21 <u>116.332</u> if the initiative or referendum petition is certified
- 22 <u>under section 116.150. The secretary of state shall reject any</u>
- 23 <u>petition sample sheet that is not accompanied by the required</u>
- 24 fee.
- 25 $\underline{3.}$ The full and correct text of all initiative and
- 26 referendum petition measures shall:
- 27 (1) Contain all matter which is to be deleted included in

- 1 its proper place enclosed in brackets and all new matter shown
 2 underlined;
- 3 (2) Include all sections of existing law or of the 4 constitution which would be repealed by the measure; and
- 5 (3) Otherwise conform to the provisions of Article III,
 6 [Section] Sections 28, [and Article III, Section] 49, 50, 51, and
 7 52(a) of the Constitution of Missouri and those of this chapter.
- 8 <u>4. The full and correct text of all initiative petition</u> 9 measures shall not purport to:
- 10 <u>(1) Declare any federal statute, regulation, executive</u>
 11 <u>order, or court decision to be void or in violation of the</u>
 12 Constitution of the United States;

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- 13 (2) Amend any federal law or the Constitution of the United

 14 States; or
 - (3) Accomplish an act that the Constitution of the United States requires to be accomplished by the general assembly.
 - 116.130. 1. The secretary of state may send copies of petition pages to election authorities to verify that the persons whose names are listed as signers to the petition are registered voters. Such verification may either be of each signature or by random sampling as provided in section 116.120, as the secretary shall direct. If copies of the petition pages are sent to an election authority for verification, such copies shall be sent pursuant to the following schedule:
 - (1) Copies of all pages from not less than one petition shall be received in the office of the election authority not later than two weeks after the petition is filed in the office of

- 1 secretary of state;
- 2 (2) Copies of all pages of a total of three petitions shall 3 be received in the office of the election authority not later
- 4 than three weeks after the petition is filed in the office of the
- 5 secretary of state;
- 6 (3) If more than three petitions are filed, all copies of
- 7 petition pages, including those petitions selected for
- 8 verification by random sample pursuant to section 116.120, shall
- 9 be received in the office of the election authority not later
- 10 than the fourth week after the petition is filed in the office of
- 11 the secretary of state. Each election authority shall check the
- 12 signatures against voter registration records in the election
- authority's jurisdiction, but the election authority shall count
- 14 as valid only the signatures of persons registered as voters in
- 15 the county named in the circulator's affidavit. Signatures shall
- not be counted as valid if they have been struck through or
- 17 crossed out. Signatures not in black or blue ink shall be
- 18 counted as invalid without verification.
- 19 2. If the election authority is requested to verify the
- 20 petition by random sampling, such verification shall be completed
- 21 and certified not later than thirty days from the date that the
- 22 election authority receives the petition from the secretary of
- 23 state. If the election authority is to verify each signature,
- 24 such verification [must] shall be completed, certified and
- delivered to the secretary of state by 5:00 p.m. on the last
- 26 Tuesday in July prior to the election, or in the event of
- complete verification of signatures after a failed random sample,

- full verification shall be completed, certified and delivered to the secretary of state by 5:00 p.m. on the last Tuesday in July or by 5:00 p.m. on the Friday of the fifth week after receipt of
- 4 the signatures by the local election authority, whichever is
- 5 later.

- If the election authority or the secretary of state determines that the congressional district number written after the signature of any voter is not the congressional district of which the voter is a resident, the election authority or the secretary of state shall correct the congressional district number on the petition page. Failure of a voter to give the voter's correct congressional district number shall not by itself be grounds for not counting the voter's signature.
 - 4. The election authority shall return the copies of the petition pages to the secretary of state with annotations regarding any invalid or questionable signatures which the election authority has been asked to check by the secretary of state. The election authority shall verify the number of pages received for that county, and also certify the total number of valid signatures of voters from each congressional district which the election authority has been asked to check by the secretary of state.
 - 5. The secretary of state is authorized to adopt rules to ensure uniform, complete, and accurate checking of petition signatures either by actual count or random sampling. No rule or portion of a rule promulgated pursuant to this section shall become effective unless it has been promulgated pursuant to the

- 1 provisions of chapter 536.
- 2 6. After a period of three years from the time of
- 3 submission of the petitions to the secretary of state, the
- 4 secretary of state, if the secretary determines that retention of
- 5 such petitions is no longer necessary, may destroy such
- 6 petitions.
- 7 116.160. 1. If the general assembly adopts a joint
- 8 resolution proposing a constitutional amendment or a bill without
- 9 a fiscal note summary, which is to be referred to a vote of the
- 10 people, after receipt of such resolution or bill the secretary of
- 11 state shall promptly forward the resolution or bill to the state
- 12 auditor. If the general assembly adopts a joint resolution
- proposing a constitutional amendment or a bill without an
- official summary statement, which is to be referred to a vote of
- the people, within twenty days after receipt of the resolution or
- bill, the secretary of state shall prepare and transmit to the
- 17 attorney general a summary statement of the measure as the
- 18 proposed summary statement. The secretary of state may seek the
- 19 advice of the legislator who introduced the constitutional
- amendment or bill and the speaker of the house or the president
- 21 pro tem of the legislative chamber that originated the measure.
- 22 The summary statement may be distinct from the legislative title
- of the proposed constitutional amendment or bill. The attorney
- 24 general shall within ten days approve the legal content and form
- of the proposed statement.
- 26 2. The official summary statement shall contain no more
- 27 than one hundred fifty words[, excluding articles]. The title

- 1 shall be a true and impartial statement of the purposes of the
- 2 proposed measure in language neither intentionally argumentative
- 3 nor likely to create prejudice either for or against the proposed
- 4 measure.
- 5 116.230. 1. The secretary of state shall prepare sample
- 6 ballots in the following form.
- 7 2. The top of the ballot shall read:
- 8 "OFFICIAL BALLOT STATE OF MISSOURI"
- 9 3. When constitutional amendments are submitted, the first
- 10 heading shall read:
- "CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS"
- 12 There shall follow the numbers assigned under section 116.210 the
- official ballot titles prepared under section 116.160 or 116.334,
- and the fiscal note summaries prepared under section 116.170.
- 15 Constitutional amendments proposed by the general assembly shall
- be designated as "Proposed by the general assembly".
- 17 Constitutional amendments proposed by initiative petition shall
- 18 be designated "Proposed by initiative petition". Constitutional
- amendments proposed by constitutional convention shall be
- designated as "Proposed by constitutional convention".
- 4. When statutory measures are submitted, the next heading
- 22 shall read:
- 23 "STATUTORY MEASURES"
- There shall follow the letters assigned under section 116.220,
- 25 the official ballot titles prepared under section 116.160 or
- 26 116.334, and the fiscal note summaries prepared under section
- 27 116.170. Statutory initiative measures shall be designated

- "Proposed by initiative petition". Referendum measures shall be
 designated "Referendum ordered by petition".
- 5. Immediately following the official ballot title, words

 "Shall the measure summarized be approved?" shall appear with the

 options to vote "yes" or "no".
- 116.270. 1. There is hereby created a "Secretary of

 State's Petition Publications Fund", which shall [be used only to

 pay printing, publication, and other expenses incurred in

 submitting statewide ballot measures to the voters.

- 2. The secretary of state shall certify to the commissioner of administration all valid claims for payment from the publications fund. On receiving the certified claims, the commissioner of administration shall issue warrants on the state treasurer payable to each individual out of the publications fund.] consist of moneys collected under section 116.150. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund. In accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180, the state treasurer may approve disbursements. The fund shall be a dedicated fund, and moneys in the fund shall be used solely by the secretary of state for the purpose of making refunds as set forth in section 116.150 and to pay publication expenses incurred in submitting statewide ballot measures to the voters. Any balance in the fund shall be used for the purposes set forth herein before using an appropriation from the general revenue for the same purpose.
 - 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general revenue

1 <u>fund</u>.

3. The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in 2 the same manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and 3 moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund. 4 5 116.332. 1. Before a constitutional amendment petition, a statutory initiative petition, or a referendum petition may be 6 7 circulated for signatures, a sample sheet [must] shall be submitted to the secretary of state in the form in which it will 8 9 be circulated. Sample initiative petition sheets shall be filed no earlier than twelve weeks following a general election. When 10 a person submits a sample sheet of a petition he or she shall 11 designate to the secretary of state the name and address of the 12 person to whom any notices shall be sent pursuant to sections 13 14 116.140 and 116.180 and, if a committee or person, except the individual submitting the sample sheet, is funding any portion of 15 the drafting or submitting of the sample sheet, the person 16 submitting the sample sheet shall submit a copy of the filed 17 18 statement of committee organization required under subsection 5 of section 130.021 showing the date the statement was filed. 19 20 secretary of state shall refer a copy of the petition sheet to the attorney general for his approval and to the state auditor 21 22 for purposes of preparing a fiscal note and fiscal note summary. 23 The secretary of state and attorney general [must] shall each 24 review the petition for [sufficiency as to form] compliance with 25 section 116.050 and Article III, Sections 28, 49, 50, 51, and 26 52(a) of the Constitution of Missouri and approve or reject [the form of] the petition, stating the reasons for rejection, if any. 27

2. Within two business days of receipt of any such sample sheet, the office of the secretary of state shall conspicuously post on its website the text of the proposed measure, a disclaimer stating that such text may not constitute the full and correct text as required under section 116.050, and the name of the person or organization submitting the sample sheet. secretary of state's failure to comply with such posting shall be considered a violation of chapter 610 and subject to the penalties provided under subsection 3 of section 610.027. posting shall be removed within three days of either the withdrawal of the petition under section 116.115 or the rejection for any reason of the petition.

- 3. Upon receipt of a petition from the office of the secretary of state, the attorney general shall examine the petition [as to form] and determine whether it complies with section 116.050 and Article III, Sections 28, 49, 50, 51, and 52(a) of the Constitution of Missouri. If the petition is rejected [as to form], the attorney general shall forward his or her comments to the secretary of state within ten days after receipt of the petition by the attorney general. If the petition is approved [as to form], the attorney general shall forward his or her approval [as to form] to the secretary of state within ten days after receipt of the petition by the attorney general.
- 4. The secretary of state shall review the comments and statements of the attorney general [as to form] and make a final decision as to the approval or rejection [of the form] of the petition. The secretary of state shall send written notice to

- 1 the person who submitted the petition sheet of the approval within fifteen days after submission of the petition sheet. 2
- 3 secretary of state shall send written notice if the petition has
- 4 been rejected, together with reasons for rejection, within
- 5 fifteen days after submission of the petition sheet.
- 116.334. 1. If the petition [form] is approved under 6
- 7 section 116.332, the secretary of state shall make a copy of the
- sample petition available on the secretary of state's website. 8
- 9 For a period of fifteen days after the petition is approved [as
- to form] under section 116.332, the secretary of state shall 10
- accept public comments regarding the proposed measure and provide 11
- copies of such comments upon request. Within twenty-three days 12
- of receipt of such approval, the secretary of state shall prepare 13
- 14 and transmit to the attorney general a summary statement of the
- measure which shall be a concise statement not exceeding one 15
- hundred <u>fifty</u> words. This statement shall [be in the form of a 16
- question using] use language neither intentionally argumentative 17
- 18 nor likely to create prejudice either for or against the proposed
- The attorney general shall within ten days approve the 19 measure.
- 20 legal content and form of the proposed statement.
- Signatures obtained prior to the date the official 21
- 22 ballot title is certified by the secretary of state shall not be
- counted. If a court orders a change that substantially alters 23
- 24 the content of the official ballot title under subsection 4 of
- 25 section 116.190, then all signatures gathered before such change
- 26 occurred shall be invalidated, regardless of whether those
- signatures were gathered on petition pages that displayed what 27

- was previously the official ballot title as certified by the
 secretary of state.
- 3. Signatures for statutory initiative petitions shall be
 4 filed not later than six months prior to the general election
 5 during which the petition's ballot measure is submitted for a
 6 vote, and shall also be collected not earlier than the day after
 7 the day upon which the previous general election was held.
- 347.740. The secretary of state may collect an additional fee of five dollars on each and every fee required in this chapter. All fees collected as provided in this section shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the secretary of state's technology trust fund account. The provisions of this section shall expire on December 31, [2021] 2026.

- 351.127. The secretary of state may collect an additional fee of five dollars on each and every fee required in this chapter, provided that the secretary of state may collect an additional fee of ten dollars on each corporate registration report fee filed under section 351.122. All fees collected as provided in this section shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the secretary of state's technology trust fund account. The provisions of this section shall expire on December 31, [2021] 2026.
- 355.023. The secretary of state may collect an additional fee of five dollars on each and every fee required in this chapter. All fees collected as provided in this section shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the secretary of state's technology trust fund account. The provisions of this

- section shall expire on December 31, [2021] 2026.
- 2 356.233. The secretary of state may collect an additional
- 3 fee of five dollars on each and every fee required in this
- 4 chapter. All fees collected as provided in this section shall be
- 5 deposited in the state treasury and credited to the secretary of
- 6 state's technology trust fund account. The provisions of this
- 7 section shall expire on December 31, [2021] 2026.
- 8 359.653. The secretary of state may collect an additional
- 9 fee of five dollars on each and every fee required in this
- 10 chapter. All fees collected as provided in this section shall be
- deposited in the state treasury and credited to the secretary of
- 12 state's technology trust fund account. The provisions of this
- section shall expire on December 31, [2021] 2026.
- 14 400.9-528. The secretary of state may collect an additional
- 15 fee of five dollars on each and every fee paid to the secretary
- of state as required in chapter 400.9. All fees collected as
- 17 provided in this section shall be deposited in the state treasury
- and credited to the secretary of state's technology trust fund
- 19 account. The provisions of this section shall expire on December
- 20 31, [2021] <u>2026</u>.
- 21 417.018. The secretary of state may collect an additional
- fee of five dollars on each and every fee required in this
- 23 chapter. All fees collected as provided in this section shall be
- 24 deposited in the state treasury and credited to the secretary of
- 25 state's technology trust fund account. The provisions of this
- section shall expire on December 31, [2021] 2026.
- 27 <u>Section 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1.140</u>

- 1 to the contrary, the provisions of sections 2.020, 2.110, 36.155,
- 2 105.459, 105.470, 105.485, 115.277, 115.306, 115.357, 115.427,
- 3 115.621, 115.631, 115.637, 115.642, 115.761, 116.030, 116.040,
- 4 116.045, 116.050, 116.130, 116.160, 116.230, 116.270, 116.332,
- 5 116.334, 347.740, 351.127, 355.023, 356.233, 359.653, 400.9-528,
- 6 and 417.018, as amended by House Committee Substitute for Senate
- 7 <u>Bill No. 552, one hundredth general assembly, second regular</u>
- 8 <u>session</u>, shall be nonseverable, and if any provision is for any
- 9 reason held to be invalid, such decision shall invalidate all of
- the remaining provisions of sections 2.020, 2.110, 36.155,
- 11 105.459, 105.470, 105.485, 115.277, 115.306, 115.357, 115.427,
- 12 115.621, 115.631, 115.637, 115.642, 115.761, 116.030, 116.040,
- 13 116.045, 116.050, 116.130, 116.160, 116.230, 116.270, 116.332,
- 14 116.334, 347.740, 351.127, 355.023, 356.233, 359.653, 400.9-528,
- and 417.018, as amended by House Committee Substitute for Senate
- Bill No. 552, one hundredth general assembly, second regular
- 17 session.
- 18 Section B. Because of the need to provide certainty for
- 19 state employees who wish to participate as candidates in the 2020
- 20 election cycle, the repeal and reenactment of section 36.155 of
- 21 section A of this act is deemed necessary for the immediate
- 22 preservation of the public health, welfare, peace, and safety and
- is hereby declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of
- the constitution, and the repeal and reenactment of section
- 25 36.155 of section A of this act shall be in full force and effect
- 26 upon its passage and approval.
- 27 Section C. Because immediate action is necessary to ensure

- 1 citizens can safely exercise the right to vote, the repeal and
- 2 reenactment of section 115.277 of section A of this act is deemed
- 3 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health,
- 4 welfare, peace, and safety and is hereby declared to be an
- 5 emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and the
- 6 repeal and reenactment of section 115.277 of section A of this
- 7 act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and
- 8 approval.