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AMEND House Committee Substitute for Housinserting after all of said section and line the following	e Bill No. 738, Page 7, Section 115.123, Line 21, by lowing:
1 1	section 2 of this section, any citizen of the United and seventeen years and six months of age or older ection which is held on or after his eighteenth
2. No person who is adjudged incapacital shall be entitled to vote:	ated shall be entitled to register or vote. No person
(1) While confined under a sentence of(2) While on probation or parole after csuch probation or parole; or	imprisonment; onviction of a felony, until finally discharged from
3. Except as provided in federal law or	federal elections and in [section] sections 115.135
and 115.277, no person shall be entitled to vote jurisdiction of his or her residence prior to [the or 115.135. 1. Any person who is qualified	
resides. In order to vote in any election for which	
closing time of any public building where the re	er residence no later than 5:00 p.m., or the normal egistration is being held if such time is later than 5:00 ion, unless the voter is an interstate former resident, overed voter, as defined in section 115.275.
beyond 10:00 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday pri	
registration system, at any location for voter reg	gister to vote via any state-approved online voter istration established by the secretary of state, or at isdiction of his or her residence on or before the day
of the election. Any person registering after succelections.	-
2. A person applying to register with an	election authority or a deputy registration official
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shall identify himself or herself by presenting a copy of a birth certificate, a Native American tribal document, other proof of United States citizenship, a valid Missouri drivers license or other form of personal identification at the time of registration.

- 3. Except as provided in federal law or federal elections and in section 115.277, no person shall be entitled to vote [if the person has not registered to vote in the jurisdiction of his or her residence prior to the deadline to register to vote] in an election unless such person is eligible and properly registered to vote prior to casting their ballot.
- 4. A covered voter as defined in section 115.275 who has been discharged from military service, has returned from a military deployment or activation, or has separated from employment outside the territorial limits of the United States after the deadline to register to vote, and who is otherwise qualified to register to vote, may register to vote in [an election in person before the election authority until 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before such election. Such persons shall produce sufficient documentation showing evidence of qualifying for late registration pursuant to this section] accordance with the provisions of this chapter."; and

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Further amend said bill, Pages 17 to 27, Sections 115.277, 115.279, and 115.283, by removing all of said sections from the bill and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

- "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] is eligible to vote at the polling place [if such voter expects to be prevented from going to the polls to vote on election day due to:
- (1) Absence on election day from the jurisdiction of the election authority in which such voter is registered to vote;
- 25 (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;
- 28 (3) Religious belief or practice;
- 29 (4) Employment as an election authority, as a member of an election authority, or by an election authority at a location other than such voter's polling place;
- 31 (5) Incarceration, provided all qualifications for voting 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 the year 2020, the voter has contracted or is in an atrisk category for contracting or transmitting severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2. This subdivision shall expire on December 31, 2020].
 - 2. Any covered voter 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 even though the person is not registered. A federal postcard application submitted by a covered voter pursuant to this subsection shall also serve as a

voter registration application under section 115.908 and the election authority shall, if satisfied that the applicant is entitled to register, place the voter's name on the voter registration file. Each covered voter may vote by absentee ballot or, upon submitting an affidavit that the person is qualified to vote in the election, may vote at the person's polling place.

- 3. Any interstate former resident may vote by absentee ballot for presidential and vice presidential electors.
- 4. Any intrastate new resident may vote by absentee ballot at the election for presidential and vice presidential electors, United States senator, representative in Congress, statewide elected officials and statewide questions, propositions and amendments from such resident's new jurisdiction of residence after registering to vote in such resident's new jurisdiction of residence.
- 5. Any new resident may vote by absentee ballot for presidential and vice presidential electors after registering to vote in such resident's new jurisdiction of residence.
- [6. For purposes of this section, the voters who are in an at-risk category for contracting or transmitting severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 are voters who:
- 15 (1) Are sixty-five years of age or older;
- 16 (2) Live in a long-term care facility licensed under chapter 198;
- 17 (3) Have chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma;
- 18 (4) Have serious heart conditions;
- 19 (5) Are immunocompromised;

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- 21 (7) Have chronic kidney disease and are undergoing dialysis; or
- 22 (8) Have liver disease.
 - 115.279. 1. Application for an absentee ballot may be made by the applicant in person, or by mail, or for the applicant, in person, by his or her guardian or a relative within the second degree by consanguinity or affinity. The election authority shall accept applications by facsimile transmission and by electronic mail [within the limits of its telecommunications capacity].
 - 2. Each application shall be made to the election authority of the jurisdiction in which the person is or would be registered. Each application shall be in writing and shall state the applicant's name, address at which he or she is or would be registered, [his or her reason for voting an absentee ballot,] the address to which the ballot is to be mailed, if mailing is requested, and [for absent uniformed services and overseas applicants,] the applicant's email address if electronic transmission is requested. If the [reason for the applicant voting absentee is due to the reasons established under subdivision (6) of subsection 1 of section 115.277] applicant is a certified participant in the address confidentiality program established under sections 589.660 to 589.681, the applicant shall state the voter's identification information provided by the address confidentiality program in lieu of the applicant's name, address at which he or she is or would be registered, and address to which the ballot is to be mailed, if mailing is requested. Each application to vote in a primary election shall also state which ballot the applicant wishes to receive. If any application fails to designate a ballot or fails to provide any other necessary information, the election authority shall, within three working days after receiving the application, notify the applicant by mail and electronic mail, if an electronic mail address is provided, that it will be unable to deliver an absentee ballot until the applicant

designates which political party ballot he or she wishes to receive <u>or provides the necessary</u> <u>information that was missing on the initial application</u>. If the applicant does not respond to the request for political party designation, the election authority is authorized to provide the voter with that part of the ballot for which no political party designation is required.

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- 3. [Except as provided in subsection 3 of section 115.281,] All applications for absentee ballots received prior to the sixth Tuesday before an election shall be stored at the office of the election authority until such time as the applications are processed in accordance with section 115.281. No application for an absentee ballot received in the office of the election authority by mail, by facsimile transmission, or by electronic mail[, or by a guardian or relative] after 5:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday immediately prior to the election shall be accepted by any election authority. No application for an absentee ballot submitted by the applicant, or by the applicant's guardian or relative, in person after 5:00 p.m. on the day before the election shall be accepted by any election authority, except as provided in subsections 6, 8 and 9 of this section.
- 4. Each application for an absentee ballot shall be signed by the applicant or, if the application is made by a guardian or relative pursuant to this section, the application shall be signed by the guardian or relative, who shall note on the application his or her relationship to the applicant. If an applicant, guardian or relative is blind, unable to read or write the English language or physically incapable of signing the application, he or she shall sign by mark, witnessed by the signature of an election official or person of his or her own choosing. Any person who knowingly makes, delivers or mails a fraudulent absentee ballot application shall be guilty of a class one election offense.
- 5. (1) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, any resident of the state of Missouri [who resides outside the boundaries of the United States or who is on active duty with the Armed Forces of the United States or members of their immediate family living with them] may request an absentee ballot for both the primary and subsequent general election with one application.
- (2) The election authority shall provide each [absent uniformed services voter and each overseas] voter who submits a voter registration application or an absentee ballot request, if the election authority rejects the application or request, with the reasons for the rejection.
- (3) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, if a standard oath regarding material misstatements of fact is adopted for uniformed and overseas voters pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002, the election authority shall accept such oath for voter registration, absentee ballot, or other election-related materials.
- (4) Not later than sixty days after the date of each regularly scheduled general election for federal office, each election authority which administered the election shall submit to the secretary of state in a format prescribed by the secretary a report on the combined number of absentee ballots transmitted to, and returned by, absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters for the election. The secretary shall submit to the Election Assistance Commission a combined report of such information not later than ninety days after the date of each regularly scheduled general election for federal office and in a standardized format developed by the commission pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002. The secretary shall make the report available to the general public.
 - (5) As used in this section, the terms "absent uniformed services voter" and "overseas voter"

1	shall have the meaning prescribed in 52 U.S.C. Section 20310.
2	[6. An application for an absentee ballot by a new resident shall be submitted in person by
3	the applicant in the office of the election authority in the election jurisdiction in which such
4	applicant resides. The application shall be received by the election authority no later than 7:00 p.m.
5	on the day of the election. Such application shall be in the form of an affidavit, executed in
6	duplicate in the presence of the election authority or any authorized officer of the election authority,
7	and in substantially the following form:
8	"STATE OF
9	COUNTY OF, ss.
10	I,, do solemnly swear that:
11	(1) Before becoming a resident of this state, I resided at (residence
12	address) in (town, township, village or city) of County in the
13	state of;
14	(2) I moved to this state after the last day to register to vote in such general
15	presidential election and I am now residing in the county of, state of
16	Missouri;
17	(3) I believe I am entitled pursuant to the laws of this state to vote in the
18	presidential election to be held November,(year);
19	(4) I hereby make application for a presidential and vice presidential ballot. I
20	have not voted and shall not vote other than by this ballot at such election.
21	Signed
22	(Applicant)
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24	(Residence Address)
25	Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of,
26	Signed
27	(Title and name of officer authorized to administer oaths)"
28	7. The election authority in whose office an application is filed pursuant to subsection 6 of
29	this section shall immediately send a duplicate of such application to the appropriate official of the
30	state in which the new resident applicant last resided and shall file the original of such application in
31	its office.
32	8. An application for an absentee ballot by an intrastate new resident shall be made in
33	person by the applicant in the office of the election authority in the election jurisdiction in which
34	such applicant resides. The application shall be received by the election authority no later than 7:00
35	p.m. on the day of the election. Such application shall be in the form of an affidavit, executed in
36	duplicate in the presence of the election authority or an authorized officer of the election authority,
37	and in substantially the following form:
38	"STATE OF
39	COUNTY OF, ss.
40	I,, do solemnly swear that:
41	(1) Before becoming a resident of this election jurisdiction, I resided at

1	(residence address) in (town, township, village or city) of
2	county in the state of;
3	(2) I moved to this election jurisdiction after the last day to register to vote in
4	such election;
5	(3) I believe I am entitled pursuant to the laws of this state to vote in the election
6	to be held(date);
7	(4) I hereby make application for an absentee ballot for candidates and issues on
8	which I am entitled to vote pursuant to the laws of this state. I have not voted
9	and shall not vote other than by this ballot at such election.
10	Signed
11	(Applicant)
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13	(Residence Address)
14	Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of,
15	<u>Signed</u>
16	(Title and name of officer authorized to administer oaths)"
17	9. An application for an absentee ballot by an interstate former resident shall be received in
18	the office of the election authority where the applicant was formerly registered by 5:00 p.m. on the
19	second Wednesday immediately prior to the election, unless the application is made in person by the
20	applicant in the office of the election authority, in which case such application shall be made no later
21	than 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election.]
22	115.283. 1. Each ballot envelope shall bear a statement on which the voter shall state the
23	voter's name[-,]; the voter's voting address[-,]; the voter's mailing address, if different than the voter's
24	voting address; and the voter's email address if the voter wishes to be contacted by email regarding
25	any deficiencies in their ballot under section 115.298 [and the voter's reason for voting an absentee
26	ballot]. If the [reason for the voter voting absentee is due to the reasons established under
27	subdivision (6) of subsection 1 of section 115.277,] applicant is a certified participant in the address
28	confidentiality program established under sections 589.660 to 589.681, the voter shall state the
29	voter's identification information provided by the address confidentiality program in lieu of the
30	applicant's name, voting address, and mailing address. On the form, the voter shall also state under
31	penalties of perjury that the voter is qualified to vote in the election, that the voter has not previously
32	voted and will not vote again in the election, that the voter has personally marked the voter's ballot
33	in secret or supervised the marking of the voter's ballot if the voter is unable to mark it, that the

2. The statement for persons voting absentee ballots who are registered voters shall be in substantially the following form:

ballot has been placed in the ballot envelope and sealed by the voter or under the voter's supervision

if the voter is unable to seal it, and that all information contained in the statement is true. In

addition, any person providing assistance to the absentee voter shall include a statement on the envelope identifying the person providing assistance under penalties of perjury. Persons authorized

to vote only for federal and statewide officers shall also state their former Missouri residence.

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1	County (City) of			
2	I, (print name), a re	gistered voter of County (City of St. Louis,		
3	Kansas City), declare under	Kansas City), declare under the penalties of perjury [that I expect to be prevented		
4	from going to the polls on election day due to (check one):			
5	absence on e	lection day from the jurisdiction of the election authority		
6	in which I an	n registered;		
7	incapacity or	confinement due to illness or physical disability,		
8	including caring for a person who is incapacitated or confined due to			
9	illness or dis	illness or disability;		
10	religious beli	religious belief or practice;		
11	employment	employment as an election authority or by an election authority at a		
12	location other than my polling place;			
13	incarceration	, although I have retained all the necessary qualifications		
14	for voting;			
15	certified participation in the address confidentiality program			
16	established u	ander sections 589.660 to 589.681 because of safety		
17	concerns.			
18	•	I hereby state under penalties of perjury] that I am qualified to vote at this election; I		
19	have not voted and will not vote other than by this ballot at this election. I further			
20	state that I marked the enclosed ballot in secret or that I am blind, unable to read or			
21	write English, or physically incapable of marking the ballot, and the person of my			
22	choosing indicated below marked the ballot at my direction; all of the information on			
23	this statement is, to the best	of my knowledge and belief, true.		
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25	Signature of Voter	Signature of Person		
26		Assisting Voter		
27	~· 1	(if applicable)		
28	Signed	[Subscribed and sworn		
29	Signed	to before me this]		
30	Address of Voter	[day of,		
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34	Mailing addresses	[Signature of notary or]		
35	(if different)	[other officer		
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38	_	is voting absentee ballots pursuant to the provisions of subsection		
		nout being registered shall be in substantially the following form:		
40	State of Missouri			
41	County (City) of			

	I, (print name), declare under the	he penalties of perjury that I am a citizen of
	the United States and eighteen years of	age or older. I am not adjudged incapacitated
	by any court of law, and if I have been convicted of a felony or of a misdemeanor	
	connected with the right of suffrage, I h	nave had the voting disabilities resulting from
	such conviction removed pursuant to la	w. I hereby state under penalties of perjury
	that I am qualified to vote at this election	on.
	I am (check one):	
	a resident of the state of	Missouri and a registered voter in
	County and moved from	that county to County, Missouri, after
	the last day to register to	vote in this election.
	an interstate former resid	dent of Missouri and authorized to vote for
	presidential and vice pre	esidential electors.
	I further state under penalties of perjury	y that I have not voted and will not vote other
	than by this ballot at this election; I ma	rked the enclosed ballot in secret or am blind,
	unable to read or write English, or phys	sically incapable of marking the ballot, and the
	person of my choosing indicated below	marked the ballot at my direction; all of the
	information on this statement is, to the	best of my knowledge and belief, true.
		[Subscribed to and]
	Signature of Voter	[sworn before me this
		day of
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	Address of Voter	Signature of notary or
	Address of voter	other officer
		administer oaths]
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	Mailing Address (if different)	
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	Signature of Person	Address of Last
	Assisting Voter	Missouri Residence
		(if applicable)
		sentee ballots who are entitled to vote at the election
	ant to the provisions of subsection 2 of se	ection 115.137 shall be in substantially the following
form:		
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		he penalties of perjury [that I expect to be
	prevented from going to the polls on el	ection day due to (check one):

1	absence on election day from the jurisdiction of the election authority
2	in which I am directed to vote;
3	incapacity or confinement due to illness or physical disability,
4	including caring for a person who is incapacitated or confined due to
5	illness or disability;
6	religious belief or practice;
7	employment as an election authority or by an election authority at a
8	location other than my polling place;
9	incarceration, although I have retained all the necessary qualifications
10	of voting;
11	certified participation in the address confidentiality program
12	established under sections 589.660 to 589.681 because of safety
13	concerns.
14	I hereby state under penalties of perjury] that I own property in the district
15	and am qualified to vote at this election; I have not voted and will not vote other than
16	by this ballot at this election. I further state that I marked the enclosed ballot in
17	secret or that I am blind, unable to read and write English, or physically incapable of
18	marking the ballot, and the person of my choosing indicated below marked the ballot
19	at my direction; all of the information on this statement is, to the best of my
20	knowledge and belief, true.
	[Subscribed and sworn]
21	Signature of Voter [to before me this
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23	day of
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27	Address [Signature of notary or
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29	authorized to
30	administer oaths]
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32	Signature of Person
33	Assisting Voter
34	(if applicable)
35	5. The statement for persons providing assistance to absentee voters shall be in substantially
36	the following form:
37	The voter needed assistance in marking the ballot and signing above, because of
38	blindness, other physical disability, or inability to read or to read English. I marked
39	the ballot enclosed in this envelope at the voter's direction, when I was alone with the
40	voter, and I had no other communication with the voter as to how he or she was to
41	vote. The voter swore or affirmed the voter affidavit above and I then signed the

1	voter's name and completed the other voter information above. Signed under the
2	penalties of perjury.
3	Reason why voter needed assistance:
4	ASSISTING PERSON SIGN HERE
5	1 (signature of assisting person)
6	2 (assisting person's name printed)
7	3 (assisting person's residence)
8	4 (assisting person's home city or town).
9	6. [The election authority shall, for an election held during 2020, adjust the forms described
10	in this section to account for voters voting absentee due to the reason established pursuant to
11	subdivision (7) of subsection 1 of section 115.277.
12	————7.] Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, any covered voter as defined in
13	section 115.902 or persons who have declared themselves to be permanently disabled pursuant to
14	section 115.284, otherwise entitled to vote, shall not be required to obtain a notary seal or signature
15	on his or her absentee ballot.
16	[8-] 7. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or section 115.291 to the
17	contrary, the subscription, signature and seal of a notary or other officer authorized to administer
18	oaths shall not be required on any ballot, ballot envelope, or statement required by this section if the
19	[reason for the] voter is voting absentee [is due to the reasons established pursuant to subdivision (2)
20	of subsection 1 of section 115.277].
21	[9. No notary shall charge or collect a fee for notarizing the signature on any absentee ballot
22	or absentee voter registration.
23	10. A notary public who charges more than the maximum fee specified or who charges or
24	collects a fee for notarizing the signature on any absentee ballot or absentee voter registration is
25	guilty of official misconduct.]"; and
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27	Further amend said bill, Page 30, Section 115.291, Line 43, by inserting after all of said section and
28	line the following:
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30	"115.293. 1. All proper votes on each absentee ballot received by an election authority [at
31	or before the time fixed by law for the closing of the polls on election day] within seven days after
32	an election and postmarked by the day of the election shall be counted. Except as provided in
33	section 115.920, no votes on any absentee ballot received by an election authority [after the time
34	fixed by law for the closing of the polls on election day] more than seven days after the election
35	shall be counted, even if the absentee ballot was postmarked by the day of the election.
36	2. If sufficient evidence is shown to an election authority that any absentee voter has died
37	prior to the opening of the polls on election day, the ballot of the deceased voter shall be rejected if
38	it is still sealed in the ballot envelope. Any ballot so rejected, still sealed in its ballot envelope, shall
39	be sealed with the application and any other papers connected therewith in an envelope marked
40	"Rejected ballot of, an absentee voter of voting district". The reason for rejection
41	shall be noted on the envelope, which shall be kept by the election authority with the other ballots

from the election until the ballots are destroyed according to law.

115.298. 1. The secretary of state shall provide, subject to appropriation, an online absentee ballot tracking system. Any person eligible to vote an absentee ballot by mail shall be entitled to register for the absentee ballot tracking system to receive information on the current status of his or her absentee ballot.

- 2. The absentee ballot tracking system shall, at a minimum:
- (1) Be easily accessible from the main page of the secretary of state's website from the time that absentee ballots are available until results are certified for each election;
- (2) Indicate to a voter if his or her ballot has been received, if his or her ballot has been counted, and, if the ballot has not been counted, the reason it has not been counted; and
- (3) If the ballot has not been counted, provide instructions to the voter on how and where to correct his or her ballot so it may be counted within seven days after the election.
- 3. The secretary of state may require any personal information necessary for verification and tracking in order to register for the absentee ballot tracking system, such as an electronic mail address or telephone number where the voter may be contacted and notified of the status of his or her ballot via electronic mail, text message, or phone call. The secretary of state shall coordinate with local election authorities to track absentee ballots in the most efficient manner.
- 115.970. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the secretary of state shall establish a process to conduct automatic voter registration based on driver's license information, nondriver's license information, tax records, or other records that are practicable for determining voter eligibility and shall provide recommendations to local election authorities for the automatic registration of eligible voters. The secretary of state shall also consult available government records including, but not limited to, school enrollment records, to automatically register voters upon reaching eighteen years of age.
- 2. The department of revenue and the motor vehicle and driver licensing division shall, periodically as required by rule or policy, provide the secretary of state with such information as the secretary of state specifies is necessary to conduct recommendations for automatic voter registration.
- 3. The secretary of state shall provide lists of nonbinding recommendations for inclusion on voter registration lists to local election authorities and such authorities shall include such recommendations on voter registration lists subject to existing verification procedures for determining whether an individual is eligible to register to vote and eligible to vote. Local election authorities shall retain full jurisdiction and power to decline to register individuals not verified to be eligible to vote and to remove the names of individuals who are no longer eligible to vote from voter registration lists.
- 4. Within two months of receipt of a proposed voter registration list, but prior to including a recommended individual on a voter registration list, the local election authority shall send notice of potential automatic registration that shall include a postage-paid postcard for purposes of declining registration. If, after a period of one month, the postcard is not returned to the local election authority, the individual's name shall be added to the voter registration list; except that, any time a postcard is received, the individual's name shall be removed from the voter registration list. This

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subsection shall not be construed to prevent removal from voter registration lists by any other method allowed under this chapter.

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- 5. The provisions of this section allow for automatic voter registration in addition to any other method of registration allowed under this chapter and shall not be interpreted to invalidate any other method for voter registration.
- <u>6.</u> The provisions of this section with regard to the secretary of state, the department of revenue, and local election authorities shall be subject to the appropriation and payment of funds necessary to conduct automatic voter registration and verification procedures.
- 7. The secretary of state may promulgate all necessary rules for the administration of this section. 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, 2021, shall be invalid and void."; and

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