

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 975

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE BURTON.

1312H.011

DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 115.427, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to voter identification.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 115.427, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 115.427, to read as follows:

115.427. 1. Persons seeking to vote in a public election shall establish their identity and eligibility to vote at the polling place or, if voting absentee in person under section 115.277, at the office of the election authority or other authorized location designated by the election authority by presenting a form of personal photo identification to election officials. No form of personal photo identification other than the forms listed in this section shall be accepted to establish a voter's qualifications to vote. Forms of personal photo identification that satisfy the requirements of this section are any one of the following:

- (1) Nonexpired Missouri driver's license;
- (2) Nonexpired or nonexpiring Missouri nondriver's license;
- (3) **A nonexpired student identification card issued by a Missouri high school, as defined in section 160.011, or an accredited institution of higher education within the state of Missouri;**
- (4) A document that satisfies all of the following requirements:
 - (a) The document contains the name of the individual to whom the document was issued, and the name substantially conforms to the most recent signature in the individual's voter registration record;
 - (b) The document shows a photograph of the individual;

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets ~~thus~~ in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 (c) The document includes an expiration date, and the document is not expired, or, if
19 expired, the document expired after the date of the most recent general election; and

20 (d) The document was issued by the United States or the state of Missouri; or

21 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) Any identification containing a photograph of the individual which is issued
22 by the Missouri National Guard, the United States Armed Forces, including the Space Force,
23 or the United States Department of Veteran Affairs to a member or former member of the
24 Missouri National Guard or the United States Armed Forces, including the Space Force, and
25 that is not expired or does not have an expiration date.

26 2. (1) An individual who appears at a polling place without a form of personal
27 identification described in subsection 1 of this section and who is otherwise qualified to vote
28 at that polling place shall be allowed to cast a provisional ballot. The election judges shall
29 make a notation on the provisional ballot envelope to indicate that the voter's identity was not
30 verified.

31 (2) No person shall be entitled to receive a provisional ballot until such person has
32 completed a provisional ballot affidavit on the provisional ballot envelope. All provisional
33 ballots shall be marked with a conspicuous stamp or mark that makes them distinguishable
34 from other ballots.

35 (3) The provisional ballot envelope shall be completed by the voter for use in
36 determining the voter's eligibility to cast a ballot.

37 3. The provisional ballot envelope shall provide a place for the voter's name, address,
38 date of birth, and last four digits of his or her Social Security number, followed by a
39 certificate in substantially the following form:

40 I do solemnly swear that I am the person identified above and the
41 information provided is correct. I understand that my vote will not be
42 counted unless:

43 (1) (a) I return to this polling place today between 6:00 a.m. and 7:00
44 p.m. and provide one of the following forms of identification:

45 a. Nonexpired Missouri driver's license;

46 b. Nonexpired or nonexpiring Missouri nondriver's license;

47 c. A document that satisfies all of the following requirements:

48 (i) The document contains my name, in substantially the same form as
49 the most recent signature on my voter registration record;

50 (ii) The document contains my photograph;

51 (iii) The document contains an expiration date and is not expired, or if
52 expired, the document expired after the date of the most recent general
53 election; and

90 (2) This state and its agencies shall provide one copy of each of the following, free of
 91 charge, if needed by an individual seeking to obtain a form of personal photo identification
 92 described in subsection 1 of this section in order to vote:

- 93 (a) A birth certificate;
- 94 (b) A marriage license or certificate;
- 95 (c) A divorce decree;
- 96 (d) A certificate of decree of adoption;
- 97 (e) A court order changing the person's name;
- 98 (f) A Social Security card reflecting an updated name; and
- 99 (g) Naturalization papers or other documents from the United States Department of
 100 State proving citizenship.

101

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

108 (3) Any applicant who requests a nondriver's license for voting shall not be required
 109 to pay a fee. The state of Missouri shall pay the legally required fees for any such applicant.
 110 The department of revenue and a local election authority may enter into a contract that allows
 111 the local election authority to assist the department in issuing nondriver's license photo
 112 identifications.

113 7. The director of the department of revenue shall, by January first of each year,
 114 prepare and deliver to each member of the general assembly a report documenting the number
 115 of individuals who have requested and received a nondriver's license photo identification for
 116 the purposes of voting under this section. The report shall also include the number of persons
 117 requesting a nondriver's license for purposes of voting under this section, but not receiving
 118 such license, and the reason for the denial of the nondriver's license.

119 8. The precinct register shall serve as the voter identification certificate. The
 120 following form shall be printed at the top of each page of the precinct register:

121 VOTER'S IDENTIFICATION CERTIFICATE
 122 Warning: It is against the law for anyone to vote, or attempt to vote,
 123 without having a lawful right to vote.
 124 PRECINCT
 125 WARD OR TOWNSHIP _____
 126 GENERAL (SPECIAL, PRIMARY) ELECTION

127
128
129
130
131
132
133
134
135
136
137
138
139
140
141
142
143
144
145

Held _____, 20_____
Date

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. The secretary of state shall promulgate rules to effectuate the provisions of this section.

10. 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. 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.

✓