HB 2052 -- ELECTIONS

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This bill makes numerous changes related to elections.

Currently, voter registrations have no expiration. This bill
provides that voter registration shall be valid for six years from
the date of a voter's next birthday.

This bill renames voter identification cards sent out by local
election authorities voter information cards, and requires a
voter's registration expiration date to be placed on the
information card.

This bill requires election authorities to reject absentee ballots
if the signature on the ballot envelope is inconsistent with the
signature on the voter's registration record.

Currently, provisional ballots are used in primary and general
elections where candidates for federal or statewide offices are
nominated or elected and any election where statewide issues are
submitted to voters. This bill allows provisional ballots to be
used in any public election.

This bill adds the following to the list of class three election
offenses:

(1) Harassing or threatening to harm an employee or volunteer of
an election authority or a member of such person's family;

(2) Attempting to pressure an election official to violate an
election law; and

(3) Obtaining and distributing specified personal information of a
child under 18 years of age, of an election judge, challenger,
watcher, or employee or volunteer of an election authority.

This bill creates the "Missouri Elections Sovereignty Act". The
General Assembly reserves the authority to regulate voter
qualifications and the time, place, and manner of state and local
elections to the maximum extent authorized by the U.S.
Constitution. Any such regulation enacted by Congress shall apply
only to federal offices. Any differences in the regulations of
time, place, and manner of elections of state and federal offices
will result in separate election procedures.