

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 102

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE EALY.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 115, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to election offenses, with penalty provisions.

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

Section A. Chapter 115, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be  
2 known as section 115.640, to read as follows:

**115.640. 1. Any student entitled to vote at any election held within this state  
2 shall, on the day of such election, be entitled to absent himself or herself from school for  
3 a period of three hours between the time of opening and the time of closing the polls for  
4 the purpose of voting, and any such absence for such purpose shall be counted as  
5 excused; and such student, if he or she votes, shall not, because of so absenting himself  
6 or herself, be liable to any penalty or discipline, provided that a request shall be made  
7 for such leave of absence prior to the day of election. The school may designate any  
8 three hours between the time of opening and the time of closing the polls during which  
9 such student may absent himself or herself.**

10 **2. Any school official violating this section shall be deemed guilty of a class four  
11 election offense.**

12 **3. Each school district shall adopt and implement a written policy relating to  
13 absences excused under this section beginning with the 2025-26 school year. The  
14 department of elementary and secondary education shall develop a model policy  
15 relating to absences excused under this section that all school districts may adopt. Such**

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.

16 **policy shall be completed and made available to school districts beginning with the 2025-**  
17 **26 school year.**

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