

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 617

## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE STINNETT.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To repeal sections 115.133 and 561.026, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to voter qualifications.

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

Section A. Sections 115.133 and 561.026, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections  
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 115.133 and 561.026, to read as follows:

115.133. 1. Except as provided in subsection 2 of this section, any citizen of the  
2 United States who is a resident of the state of Missouri and seventeen years and six months of  
3 age or older shall be entitled to register and to vote in any election which is held on or after  
4 his eighteenth birthday.

5 2. No person who is adjudged incapacitated shall be entitled to register or vote. No  
6 person shall be entitled to vote:

7 (1) While confined under a sentence of imprisonment[;

8 ~~(2) While on probation or parole]~~ after conviction of a felony[ ~~until finally~~  
9 ~~discharged from such probation or parole]~~ **or misdemeanor**; or

10 ~~[(3)]~~ **(2)** After conviction of a felony or misdemeanor connected with the right of  
11 suffrage.

12 3. Except as provided in federal law or federal elections and in section 115.277, no  
13 person shall be entitled to vote if the person has not registered to vote in the jurisdiction of his  
14 or her residence prior to the deadline to register to vote.

561.026. Notwithstanding any other provision of law except for section 610.140, a  
2 person who is convicted:

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.

3           (1) Of [~~any offense~~] **a felony or misdemeanor** shall be disqualified from registering  
4 and voting in any election under the laws of this state while confined under a sentence of  
5 imprisonment;

6           (2) Of a felony or misdemeanor connected with the exercise of the right of suffrage  
7 shall be forever disqualified from registering and voting;

8           (3) Of any felony shall be forever disqualified from serving as a juror.

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