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HOUSE BILL NO. 1143

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal sections 115.133 and 115.135, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to same-day voter registration.

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

Section A. Sections 115.133 and 115.135, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 115.133 and 115.135, to read as follows:

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

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

(1) While confined under a sentence of imprisonment;

(2) While on probation or parole after conviction of a felony, until finally discharged from such probation or parole; or

(3) After conviction of a felony or misdemeanor connected with the right of suffrage.

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 if the person has not registered to vote in the jurisdiction of his or her residence prior to ~~[the deadline to register to vote]~~ **voting**.

115.135. 1. Any person who is qualified to vote, or who shall become qualified to vote on or before the day of election, shall be entitled to register in the jurisdiction within which he or she resides. In order to vote in any election for which registration is required, a person must be registered to vote ~~[in the state of Missouri no later than 5:00 p.m., or the~~

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.

5 ~~normal closing time of any public building where the registration is being held if such time is~~
6 ~~later than 5:00 p.m., on the fourth Wednesday prior to the election, unless the voter is an~~
7 ~~interstate former resident, a new resident, or a covered voter, as defined in section 115.275]~~
8 **on or before the day of election. The person registering to vote may register to vote at**
9 **any location for voter registration established by the secretary of state, at any location**
10 **for voter registration established by the election authority of the jurisdiction where the**
11 **voter resides, or the voter's assigned polling place on or before the day of election. Any**
12 **person registering after such date shall be eligible to vote in subsequent elections.**

13 2. A person applying to register with an election authority or a deputy registration
14 official shall identify himself or herself by presenting a copy of a birth certificate, a Native
15 American tribal document, other proof of United States citizenship, a valid Missouri drivers
16 license or other form of personal identification at the time of registration.

17 3. Except as provided in federal law or federal elections and in section 115.277, no
18 person shall be entitled to vote ~~[if the person has not registered to vote in the jurisdiction of~~
19 ~~his or her residence]~~ **in an election unless such person is eligible and properly registered**
20 **to vote prior to casting his or her ballot in such election.**

21 ~~[4. A covered voter as defined in section 115.275 who has been discharged from~~
22 ~~military service, has returned from a military deployment or activation, or has separated from~~
23 ~~employment outside the territorial limits of the United States after the deadline to register to~~
24 ~~vote, and who is otherwise qualified to register to vote, may register to vote in an election in~~
25 ~~person before the election authority until 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before such election. Such~~
26 ~~persons shall produce sufficient documentation showing evidence of qualifying for late~~
27 ~~registration pursuant to this section.]~~

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