

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 987

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal sections 115.155 and 115.160, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to political party affiliation.

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

Section A. Sections 115.155 and 115.160, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 115.155 and 115.160, to read as follows:

115.155. 1. The election authority shall provide for the registration of each voter. Each application shall be in substantially the following form:

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION

Are you a citizen of the United States?

☐ YES

☐ NO

Will you be 18 years of age on or before election day?

☐ YES

☐ NO

IF YOU CHECKED "NO" IN RESPONSE TO EITHER OF THESE QUESTIONS, DO NOT COMPLETE THIS FORM.

IF YOU ARE SUBMITTING THIS FORM BY MAIL AND ARE REGISTERING FOR THE FIRST TIME, PLEASE SUBMIT A COPY OF A CURRENT, VALID PHOTO IDENTIFICATION. IF YOU DO NOT SUBMIT SUCH INFORMATION, YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO PRESENT ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATION UPON VOTING FOR THE FIRST TIME SUCH AS A BIRTH CERTIFICATE, A NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBAL DOCUMENT, OTHER PROOF OF

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.

17	UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP, A VALID MISSOURI DRIVER'S	
18	LICENSE OR OTHER FORM OF PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION.	
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21		Township
22		(or Ward)
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24	_____	_____
25	Name	Precinct
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27	_____	_____
28	Home Address	Required
29		Personal
30		Identifica-
31		tion
32		Informa-
33		tion
34	_____	
35	City ZIP	
36		_____
37	_____	_____
38		Place of
39	Date of Birth	Birth
40		(Optional)
41		_____
42	_____	_____
43		Mother's
44	Telephone Number	Maiden
45		Name
46	(Optional)	(Optional)
47		_____
48	_____	_____
49		Last Place
50	Occupation (Optional)	Previously
51		Registered

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Last four digits of Social

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Security Number

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(Required for registration

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unless no Social Security

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Number exists for Applicant)

Under

What

Name

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Remarks:

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Political Party Affiliation

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(OPTIONAL: You

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shall be unaffiliated

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unless you

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designate an

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affiliation.)

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I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the state of

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Missouri. I have not been adjudged incapacitated by any court of law.

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If I have been convicted of a felony or of a misdemeanor connected

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with the right of suffrage, I have had the voting disabilities resulting

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from such conviction removed pursuant to law. I do solemnly swear

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that all statements made on this card are true to the best of my

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knowledge and belief.

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I UNDERSTAND THAT IF I REGISTER TO VOTE KNOWING

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THAT I AM NOT LEGALLY ENTITLED TO REGISTER, I AM

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COMMITTING A CLASS ONE ELECTION OFFENSE AND MAY

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BE PUNISHED BY IMPRISONMENT OF NOT MORE THAN FIVE

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YEARS OR BY A FINE OF BETWEEN TWO THOUSAND FIVE

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HUNDRED DOLLARS AND TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS OR BY

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BOTH SUCH IMPRISONMENT AND FINE.

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Signature of Voter

Date

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Signature of Election Official

87 2. The options for political party affiliation required by the application described in
88 subsection 1 of this section shall include all established political parties and an option to be
89 unaffiliated. If an applicant does not designate an affiliation, the election authority shall mark
90 the applicant's form as unaffiliated.

91 3. After supplying all information necessary for the registration records, each
92 applicant who appears in person before the election authority shall swear or affirm the
93 statements on the registration application by signing his or her full name, witnessed by the
94 signature of the election authority or such authority's deputy registration official. Each
95 applicant who applies to register by mail pursuant to section 115.159, or pursuant to section
96 115.160 or 115.162, shall attest to the statements on the application by his or her signature.

97 4. Upon receipt by mail of a completed and signed voter registration application, a
98 voter registration application forwarded by the division of motor vehicle and drivers licensing
99 of the department of revenue pursuant to section 115.160, or a voter registration agency
100 pursuant to section 115.162, the election authority shall, if satisfied that the applicant is
101 entitled to register, transfer all data necessary for the registration records from the application
102 to its registration system. Within seven business days after receiving the application, the
103 election authority shall send the applicant a verification notice. If such notice is returned as
104 undeliverable by the postal service within the time established by the election authority, the
105 election authority shall not place the applicant's name on the voter registration file.

106 5. If, upon receipt by mail of a voter registration application or a voter registration
107 application forwarded pursuant to section 115.160 or 115.162, the election authority
108 determines that the applicant is not entitled to register, such authority shall, within seven
109 business days after receiving the application, so notify the applicant by mail and state the
110 reason such authority has determined the applicant is not qualified. The applicant may file a
111 complaint with the elections division of the secretary of state's office under and pursuant to
112 section 115.219. If an applicant for voter registration fails to answer the question on the
113 application concerning United States citizenship, the election authority shall notify the
114 applicant of the failure and provide the applicant with an opportunity to complete the form in
115 a timely manner to allow for the completion of the registration form before the next election.

116 6. The secretary of state shall prescribe specifications for voter registration
117 documents so that they are uniform throughout the state of Missouri and comply with the
118 National Voter Registration Act of 1993, including the reporting requirements, and so that
119 registrations, name changes and transfers of registrations within the state may take place as
120 allowed by law.

121 7. All voter registration applications shall be preserved in the office of the election
122 authority.

123 **8. When voting at any polling location, an unaffiliated voter shall be asked if the**
124 **voter would like to change his or her political party affiliation.**

115.160. 1. All Missouri driver's license applicants shall receive a voter registration
2 application form as a simultaneous part of the application for a driver's license, renewal of
3 driver's license, change of address, duplicate request and a nondriver's license.

4 2. If a single application form is used, the voter registration application portion of any
5 application described in subsection 1 of this section may not require any information that
6 duplicates information required in the driver's license portion of the form, except a second
7 signature or other information required by law.

8 3. After conferring with the secretary of state as the chief state election official
9 responsible for overseeing of the voter registration process, the director of revenue shall adopt
10 rules and regulations pertaining to the format of the voter registration application used by the
11 department. **The voter registration application shall include the option to affiliate with a**
12 **political party.** The director of revenue shall utilize electronic voter registration application
13 forms and provide for secure electronic transfer of voter registration information to election
14 authorities. The secretary of state and the director of revenue shall ensure the confidentiality
15 and integrity of the voter registration data collected, maintained, received, or transmitted
16 under this section.

17 4. No information relating to the failure of an applicant for a driver's license or
18 nondriver's license to sign a voter registration application may be used for any purpose other
19 than voter registration.

20 5. Any voter registration application received pursuant to the provisions of this
21 section shall be forwarded, in a secure and electronic manner, to the election authority located
22 within that county or any city not within a county, or if there is more than one election
23 authority within the county, then to the election authority located nearest to the location where
24 the driver's license application was received. Voter registration information, including an
25 electronic image of the signature of the applicant, shall be transmitted in a format compatible
26 with the Missouri voter registration system established in section 115.158 which allows for
27 review by the election authority and does not require the election authority to manually
28 reenter the information, provided that the election authority shall print out a paper copy of the
29 information and retain such information in the manner required by section 115.145. The
30 election authority receiving the application forms shall review the applications and forward,
31 in a secure and electronic manner, any applications pertaining to a different election authority
32 to that election authority.

33 6. A completed voter registration application accepted in the driver's licensing
34 process shall be transmitted to the election authority described in subsection 5 of this section
35 not later than three business days after the form is completed by the applicant.

36 7. Any person registering to vote when applying for or renewing a Missouri driver's
37 license shall submit with the application form a copy of a birth certificate, a Native American
38 tribal document, or other proof of United States citizenship, a valid Missouri driver's license,
39 or other form of personal identification. Any person who, at the time of a transaction with the
40 division of motor vehicle and driver licensing of the department of revenue, provides a
41 document that establishes noncitizenship shall not be offered the opportunity to register to
42 vote as part of the transaction.

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