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HOUSE BILL NO. 1189

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE GRAGG.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 115.117, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to restrictions on electioneering.

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

Section A. Section 115.117, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 115.117, to read as follows:

115.117. 1. The election authority may designate tax-supported public buildings or buildings owned by any political subdivision or special district to be used as polling places for any election, and no official in charge or control of any such public building shall refuse to permit the use of the building for election purposes. The election authority shall have the right to choose the location of the polling place within such buildings.

2. If an election authority determines there is no public building convenient for a polling place in any voting district, the authority shall first attempt to secure the use of a privately owned tax-exempt building, and in the event no such building is available, it may contract for the rental of a suitable polling place in the district.

3. In selecting polling places, the election authority shall consider parking areas which may be available and shall give priority to those places which have adequate parking areas for use by poll workers and voters.

4. **Neither the election authority nor the official in charge or control of any building serving as a polling location shall take any action that restricts political activities including, but not limited to, exit polling, surveying, sampling, electioneering,**

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 **distributing election literature, posting signs, or placing vehicles bearing signs on the**
17 **premises of the building beyond what is required by subdivision (18) of section 115.637.**

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