

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1475

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SPARKS.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

To repeal section 115.135, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to voter registration, with a contingent effective date.

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

Section A. Section 115.135, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 115.135, to read as follows:

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 normal closing time of any public building where the registration is being held if such time is later than 5:00 p.m., on the fourth Wednesday prior to the election, unless the voter is an interstate former resident, a new resident, or a covered voter, as defined in section 115.275. Any person registering after such date shall be eligible to vote in subsequent elections.

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

3. Except as provided in federal law or federal elections and in section 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.

4. A covered voter as defined in section 115.275 who has been discharged from military service, has returned from a military deployment or activation, or has separated from

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.

18 employment outside the territorial limits of the United States after the deadline to register to  
19 vote, and who is otherwise qualified to register to vote, may register to vote in an election in  
20 person before the election authority until 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before such election. Such  
21 persons shall produce sufficient documentation showing evidence of qualifying for late  
22 registration pursuant to this section.

23 **5. A child born abroad whose parent is eligible to vote in Missouri shall also be**  
24 **eligible to register as a Missouri voter through the election authority with jurisdiction**  
25 **over the parent's last address in the state.**

Section B. The repeal and reenactment of section 115.135 of section A of this act  
2 shall become effective only upon the passage and approval by the voters of a constitutional  
3 amendment submitted to them by the general assembly regarding the voting rights of children  
4 born abroad to United States citizens.

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