

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1871, Page 4, Section 115.127, Line
2 62, by inserting after all of said section and line the following:
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4 "115.133. 1. Except as provided in subsection 2 of this section, any citizen of the United
5 States who is a resident of the state of Missouri and seventeen years and six months of age or
6 older shall be entitled to register and to vote in any election which is held on or after his or her
7 eighteenth birthday.

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

10 (1) While confined under a sentence of imprisonment after conviction of a felony; or

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

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

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

17 4. Nothing in this section shall prohibit any defendant who is otherwise eligible to vote
18 and is confined in a jail from voting in an election if he or she has not yet been convicted of a
19 crime.

20 115.155. 1. The election authority shall provide for the registration of each voter. Voter
21 registration applications shall be made available in English, Spanish, and Braille. Each
22 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

Action Taken _____ Date _____

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 UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP, A VALID MISSOURI DRIVER'S LICENSE OR OTHER FORM OF PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION.

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	Township (or Ward)
_____	_____
Name	Precinct
_____	_____
_____	_____
Home Address	Required Personal Identification Information
_____	_____
City ZIP	_____
_____	_____
Date of Birth	Place of Birth (Optional)
_____	_____
Telephone Number (Optional)	Mother's Maiden Name (Optional)

Occupation (Optional)

Last Place
Previously
Registered

Last four digits of Social
Security Number
(Required for registration
unless no Social Security
Number exists for
Applicant)

Under What
Name

Remarks:

When

Political Party Affiliation

(OPTIONAL: You shall be unaffiliated unless you designate an affiliation.)

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the state of Missouri. I have not been adjudged incapacitated by any court of law. If I have been convicted of a felony or of a misdemeanor connected with the right of suffrage, I have had the voting disabilities resulting from such conviction removed pursuant to law. I do solemnly swear that all statements made on this card are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I UNDERSTAND THAT IF I REGISTER TO VOTE KNOWING THAT I AM NOT LEGALLY ENTITLED TO REGISTER, I AM COMMITTING A CLASS ONE ELECTION OFFENSE AND MAY BE PUNISHED BY IMPRISONMENT OF NOT MORE THAN FIVE YEARS OR BY A FINE OF BETWEEN TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS OR BY BOTH SUCH IMPRISONMENT AND FINE.

Signature of Voter

Date

Signature of Election Official

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

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

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

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

30 6. The secretary of state shall prescribe specifications for voter registration documents so
31 that they are uniform throughout the state of Missouri and comply with the National Voter

1 Registration Act of 1993, including the reporting requirements, and so that registrations, name
2 changes and transfers of registrations within the state may take place as allowed by law.

3 7. All voter registration applications shall be preserved in the office of the election
4 authority."; and

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6 Further amend said bill and page, Section 115.233, Line 12, by inserting after all of said section
7 and line the following:

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9 "115.247. 1. Each election authority shall provide all ballots for every election within its
10 jurisdiction. Ballots other than those printed by the election authority in accordance with the
11 provisions of this chapter shall not be cast or counted at any election.

12 2. Whenever it appears that an error has occurred in any publication required by the
13 provisions of this chapter, or in the printing of any ballot, any circuit court may, upon the
14 application of any voter, order the appropriate election authorities to correct the error or to show
15 cause why the error should not be corrected.

16 3. For each election held in a county with a charter form of government and with more
17 than two hundred fifty thousand but fewer than three hundred fifty thousand inhabitants, the
18 election authority may provide for each polling place in its jurisdiction fifty-five ballots for each
19 fifty and fraction of fifty voters registered in the voting district at the time of the election. For
20 each election, except a general election, held in any county other than a county with a charter
21 form of government and with more than two hundred fifty thousand but fewer than three
22 hundred fifty thousand inhabitants, the election authority shall provide for each polling place in
23 its jurisdiction a number of ballots equal to at least one and one-third times the number of ballots
24 cast in the voting district served by such polling place at the election held two years before at
25 that polling place or at the polling place that served the voting district in the previous election.
26 For each general election held in any county other than a county with a charter form of
27 government and with more than two hundred fifty thousand but fewer than three hundred fifty
28 thousand inhabitants, the election authority shall provide for each polling place in its jurisdiction
29 a number of ballots equal to one and one-third times the number of ballots cast in the voting
30 district served by such polling place or at the polling place that served the voting district in the
31 general election held four years prior. When determining the number of ballots to provide for
32 each polling place, the election authority shall consider any factors that would affect the turnout
33 at such polling place. The election authority shall keep a record of the exact number of ballots
34 delivered to each polling place. For purposes of this subsection, the election authority shall not
35 be required to count registered voters designated as inactive pursuant to section 115.193.

36 4. After the polls have closed on every election day, the election judges shall return all
37 unused ballots to the election authority with the other election supplies.

1 5. All ballots cast in public elections shall be printed and distributed at public expense,
2 payable as provided in sections 115.063 to 115.077.

3 6. The election authority shall emboss and make available upon request ballots in Braille
4 for use by voters who are visually impaired."; and

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6 Further amend said bill, Page 5, Section 115.277, Line 53, by inserting after all of said section
7 and line the following:

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9 "115.281. 1. Except as provided in section 115.914, not later than the sixth Tuesday
10 prior to each election, or within fourteen days after candidates' names or questions are certified
11 pursuant to section 115.125, the election authority shall cause to have printed and made available
12 a sufficient quantity of absentee ballots, ballot envelopes and mailing envelopes. As soon as
13 possible after the proper officer calls a special state or county election, the election authority
14 shall cause to have printed and made available a sufficient quantity of absentee ballots, ballot
15 envelopes and mailing envelopes.

16 2. All absentee ballots for an election shall be in the same form as the official ballots for
17 the election, including ballots in Braille as required in section 115.247."; and

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19 Further amend said bill, Page 6, Section 115.284, Line 39, by inserting after all of said section
20 and line the following:

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22 "115.287. 1. Upon receipt of a signed application for an absentee ballot and if satisfied
23 the applicant is entitled to vote by absentee ballot, the election authority shall, within three
24 working days after receiving the application, or if absentee ballots are not available at the time
25 the application is received, within five working days after they become available, deliver to the
26 voter an absentee ballot, ballot envelope and such instructions as are necessary for the applicant
27 to vote. Delivery shall be made to the voter personally in the office of the election authority or
28 by bipartisan teams appointed by the election authority, or by first class, registered, or certified
29 mail at the discretion of the election authority, or in the case of a covered voter as defined in
30 section 115.902, the method of transmission prescribed in section 115.914. Where the election
31 authority is a county clerk, the members of bipartisan teams representing the political party other
32 than that of county clerk shall be selected from a list of persons submitted to the county clerk by
33 the county chairman of that party. If no list is provided by the time that absentee ballots are to be
34 made available, the county clerk may select a person or persons from lists provided in
35 accordance with section 115.087. If the election authority is not satisfied that any applicant is
36 entitled to vote by absentee ballot, it shall not deliver an absentee ballot to the applicant. Within
37 three working days of receiving such an application, the election authority shall notify the
38 applicant and state the reason he or she is not entitled to vote by absentee ballot. The applicant

1 may file a complaint with the elections division of the secretary of state's office under and
2 pursuant to section 115.219.

3 2. If, after 5:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday before an election, any voter from the
4 jurisdiction is confined in a jail, has become hospitalized, becomes confined due to illness or
5 injury, or is confined in an intermediate care facility, residential care facility, or skilled nursing
6 facility on election day, as such terms are defined in section 198.006, in the county in which the
7 jurisdiction is located or in the jurisdiction of an adjacent election authority within the same
8 county, the election authority shall appoint a team to deliver, witness the signing of and return
9 the voter's application and deliver, witness the voting of and return the voter's absentee ballot. If
10 the election authority receives ten or more applications for absentee ballots from the same
11 address it shall appoint a team to deliver and witness the voting and return of absentee ballots by
12 voters residing at that address, except when such addresses are for an apartment building or other
13 structure wherein individual living units are located, each of which has its own separate cooking
14 facilities. Each team appointed pursuant to this subsection shall consist of two registered voters,
15 one from each major political party. Both members of any team appointed pursuant to this
16 subsection shall be present during the delivery, signing or voting and return of any application or
17 absentee ballot signed or voted pursuant to this subsection.

18 3. On the mailing and ballot envelopes for each covered voter, the election authority
19 shall stamp prominently in black the words "FEDERAL BALLOT, STATE OF MISSOURI" and
20 "U.S. Postage Paid, 39 U.S.C. Section 3406".

21 4. No information which encourages a vote for or against a candidate or issue shall be
22 provided to any voter with an absentee ballot."; and

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24 Further amend said bill, Page 19, Section 115.453, Line 53, by inserting after all of said section
25 and line the following:

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27 "561.026. Notwithstanding any other provision of law except for section 610.140, a
28 person who is convicted:

29 (1) Of ~~[any offense]~~ a felony shall be disqualified from registering and voting in any
30 election under the laws of this state while confined under a sentence of imprisonment;

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

33 (3) Of any felony shall be forever disqualified from serving as a juror."; and

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35 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
36 accordingly.