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98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 115.135 and 115.912, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to military and overseas voter registration.

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

Section A. Sections 115.135 and 115.912, RSMo, are repealed and two new
2 sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 115.135 and 115.912, to
3 read as follows:

115.135. 1. Any person who is qualified to vote, or who shall become
2 qualified to vote on or before the day of election, shall be entitled to register in
3 the jurisdiction within which he or she resides. In order to vote in any election
4 for which registration is required, a person must be registered to vote in the
5 jurisdiction of his or her residence no later than 5:00 p.m., or the normal closing
6 time of any public building where the registration is being held if such time is
7 later than 5:00 p.m., on the fourth Wednesday prior to the election, unless the
8 voter is an interstate former resident, an intrastate new resident [or], a new
9 resident, **or a person in federal service**, as defined in section 115.275, **or a**
10 **covered voter, as defined in section 115.902. Except as provided in**
11 **subsection 4 of this section**, in no case shall registration for an election extend
12 beyond 10:00 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday prior to the election. Any person
13 registering after such date shall be eligible to vote in subsequent elections.

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

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

19 3. Except as provided in federal law or federal elections and in section
20 115.277, no person shall be entitled to vote if the person has not registered to
21 vote in the jurisdiction of his or her residence prior to the deadline to register to
22 vote.

23 4. **A person in federal service as defined in section 115.275, or**
24 **covered voter as defined in section 115.902, who has been discharged**
25 **from military service, has returned from a military deployment or**
26 **activation, or has separated from employment outside the territorial**
27 **limits of the United States after the deadline to register to vote, and**
28 **who is otherwise qualified to register to vote, may register to vote in**
29 **an election in person before the election authority until 5:00 p.m. on the**
30 **Friday before such election. Such persons shall produce sufficient**
31 **documentation showing evidence of qualifying for late registration**
32 **pursuant to this section.**

 115.912. An application for a military-overseas ballot is timely if received
2 by 5:00 p.m. on the [Wednesday] **Friday** prior to the election. An application for
3 a military-overseas ballot for a primary election, whether or not timely, shall be
4 effective as an application for a military-overseas ballot for the general election.

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