

SENATE BILL NO. 1236

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 115, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to voter registration for hunting and fishing permit applicants.

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

Section A. Chapter 115, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new
2 section, to be known as section 115.164, to read as follows:

115.164. 1. All applicants for any resident hunting or fishing
2 permit at any local department of conservation office or any local
3 permit vendor shall receive a voter registration application form as a
4 simultaneous part of the application for such permits. Such applicants
5 may complete the voter registration form at the time the resident
6 hunting or fishing permit is applied for under this section, or may mail
7 the completed voter registration form to the appropriate election
8 authority. If a single application form is used, the voter registration
9 application portion of any application described in this subsection shall
10 not require any information that duplicates information required in the
11 resident hunting or fishing permit portion of the form, except a second
12 signature or other information required by law.

13 2. Any applicant for a resident hunting or fishing permit who
14 applies by telephone shall be informed that such applicant may request
15 that a voter registration application be mailed to the applicant. Such
16 applicants may mail the completed voter registration form to the
17 appropriate election authority.

18 3. Any applicant for a resident hunting or fishing permit who
19 applies by the department of conservation's website shall be provided
20 with a link to the web site of the applicant's election authority if such
21 election authority has established a web site that provides the
22 opportunity to register online or to print out a registration form to
23 complete and mail to the appropriate election authority.

24 4. After conferring with the secretary of state as the chief state
25 election official responsible for overseeing of the voter registration
26 process, the director of the department of conservation shall adopt
27 rules within thirty days of August 28, 2008, pertaining to the format of
28 the voter registration application used by the department. Any rule or
29 portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, RSMo, that
30 is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become
31 effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions
32 of chapter 536, RSMo, and, if applicable, section 536.028, RSMo. This
33 section and chapter 536, RSMo, are nonseverable and if any of the
34 powers vested with the general assembly under chapter 536, RSMo, to
35 review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule
36 are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking
37 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2008, shall
38 be invalid and void.

39 5. No information relating to the failure of an applicant for a
40 resident hunting or fishing permit to sign a voter registration
41 application shall be used for any purpose other than voter registration.

42 6. Any voter registration application received under this section
43 shall be forwarded to the election authority located within that county
44 or any city not within a county, or if there is more than one election
45 authority within the county, then to the election authority located
46 nearest to the location where the resident hunting or fishing permit
47 application was received. The election authority receiving the
48 application forms shall review the applications and forward any
49 applications pertaining to a different election authority to that election
50 authority. A completed voter registration application accepted in the
51 resident hunting or fishing permit process shall be transmitted to the
52 election authority described in this subsection not later than five
53 business days after the form is completed by the applicant.

54 7. Any person registering to vote when applying for a resident
55 hunting or fishing permit shall submit with the application form a copy
56 of a birth certificate, a Native American tribal document, or other proof
57 of United States citizenship, a valid Missouri driver's license, or other
58 form of personal identification.

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