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96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR KRAUS.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 115.117, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to polling places.

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Section A. Section 115.117, RSMo, is repealed and one new section
2 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
2 buildings or buildings owned by any political subdivision or special district to be
3 used as polling places for any election, and **with the exception of principals**
4 **of public schools**, no official in charge or control of any such public building
5 shall refuse to permit the use of the building for election purposes. The election
6 authority shall have the right to choose the location of the polling place within
7 such buildings.

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

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

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