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99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal section 115.157, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the public availability of voter records.

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

Section A. Section 115.157, RSMo, is repealed and one new section
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 115.157, to read as follows:

115.157. 1. The election authority may place all information on any
2 registration cards in computerized form in accordance with section 115.158. No
3 election authority or secretary of state shall furnish to any member of the public
4 electronic media or printout showing any registration information, except as
5 provided in this section. Except as provided in subsection 2 of this section, the
6 election authority or secretary of state shall make available electronic media or
7 printouts showing unique voter identification numbers, voters' names, dates of
8 birth, addresses, townships or wards, and precincts. Electronic data shall be
9 maintained in at least the following separate fields:

- 10 (1) Voter identification number;
- 11 (2) First name;
- 12 (3) Middle initial;
- 13 (4) Last name;
- 14 (5) Suffix;
- 15 (6) Street number;
- 16 (7) Street direction;
- 17 (8) Street name;
- 18 (9) Street suffix;
- 19 (10) Apartment number;

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

- 20 (11) City;
- 21 (12) State;
- 22 (13) Zip code;
- 23 (14) Township;
- 24 (15) Ward;
- 25 (16) Precinct;
- 26 (17) Senatorial district;
- 27 (18) Representative district;
- 28 (19) Congressional district.

29 **2.** All election authorities shall enter voter history in their computerized
30 registration systems and shall, not more than six months after the election,
31 forward such data to the Missouri voter registration system established in section
32 115.158. In addition, election authorities shall forward registration and other
33 data in a manner prescribed by the secretary of state to comply with the Help
34 America Vote Act of 2002.

35 **3.** Except as provided in subsection [2] **6** of this section, the election
36 authority shall [also] furnish, for a fee, electronic media or a printout showing
37 the names, dates of birth and addresses of voters, or any part thereof, within the
38 jurisdiction of the election authority who voted in any specific election, including
39 primary elections, by township, ward or precinct, provided that nothing in this
40 chapter shall require such voter information to be released to the public over the
41 internet.

42 **4. Except as provided in subsection 6 of this section, the election**
43 **authority or secretary of state shall furnish, for a fee, electronic media**
44 **or a printout showing the names and addresses of voters within the**
45 **jurisdiction of the election authority who requested an absentee ballot**
46 **under section 115.279 in any specific election, including primary**
47 **elections, by township, ward, or precinct, and notating which voters**
48 **returned the absentee ballot to the election authority. Nothing in this**
49 **section shall require such voter information to be released to the public**
50 **over the internet.**

51 **5.** The amount of fees charged for information provided in this section
52 shall be established pursuant to chapter 610. All revenues collected by the
53 secretary of state pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the state treasury
54 and credited to the secretary of state's technology trust fund account established
55 pursuant to section 28.160. In even-numbered years, each election authority

56 shall, upon request, supply the voter registration list for its jurisdiction to all
57 candidates and party committees for a charge established pursuant to chapter
58 610. Except as provided in subsection [2] 6 of this section, all election authorities
59 shall make the information described in this section available pursuant to chapter
60 610. Any election authority who fails to comply with the requirements of this
61 section shall be subject to the provisions of chapter 610.

62 [2.] 6. Any person working as an undercover officer of a local, state or
63 federal law enforcement agency, persons in witness protection programs, and
64 victims of domestic violence and abuse who have received orders of protection
65 pursuant to chapter 455 shall be entitled to apply to the circuit court having
66 jurisdiction in his or her county of residence to have the residential address on
67 his or her voter registration records closed to the public if the release of such
68 information could endanger the safety of the person. Any person working as an
69 undercover agent or in a witness protection program shall also submit a
70 statement from the chief executive officer of the agency under whose direction he
71 or she is serving. The petition to close the residential address shall be
72 incorporated into any petition for protective order provided by circuit clerks
73 pursuant to chapter 455. If satisfied that the person filing the petition meets the
74 qualifications of this subsection, the circuit court shall issue an order to the
75 election authority to keep the residential address of the voter a closed record and
76 the address may be used only for the purposes of administering elections
77 pursuant to this chapter. The election authority may require the voter who has
78 a closed residential address record to verify that his or her residential address
79 has not changed or to file a change of address and to affirm that the reasons
80 contained in the original petition are still accurate prior to receiving a ballot. A
81 change of address within an election authority's jurisdiction shall not require that
82 the voter file a new petition. Any voter who no longer qualifies pursuant to this
83 subsection to have his or her residential address as a closed record shall notify
84 the circuit court. Upon such notification, the circuit court shall void the order
85 closing the residential address and so notify the election authority.

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