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SENATE BILL NO. 631

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 36.155, 105.485, 115.277, 115.283, 115.285, 115.291, 115.357, 115.621, 115.642, 115.652, 115.761, 347.740, 351.127, 355.023, 356.233, 359.653, 400.9-528, and 417.018, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof nineteen new sections relating to elections, with an emergency clause for certain sections and existing penalty provisions.

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

Section A. Sections 36.155, 105.485, 115.277, 115.283, 115.285, 115.291,

- 2 115.357, 115.621, 115.642, 115.652, 115.761, 347.740, 351.127, 355.023, 356.233,
- 3 359.653, 400.9-528, and 417.018, RSMo, are repealed and nineteen new sections
- 4 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 36.155, 105.485, 115.277, 115.283,
- 5 115.285, 115.291, 115.302, 115.357, 115.621, 115.642, 115.652, 115.761, 347.740,
- 6 351.127, 355.023, 356.233, 359.653, 400.9-528, and 417.018, to read as follows:
 - 36.155. 1. An employee may take part in the activities of political parties
- 2 and political campaigns.
- 3 2. An employee may not:
- 4 (1) Use the employee's official authority or influence for the purpose of
- 5 interfering with the results of an election;
- 6 (2) Knowingly solicit, accept or receive a political contribution from any
- 7 person who is a subordinate employee of the employee;
- 8 (3) Run for the nomination, or as a candidate for election, to a partisan
- 9 political office; or
- 10 (4) Knowingly solicit or discourage the participation in any political

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

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- activity of any person who has an application for any compensation, grant, contract, ruling, license, permit or certificate pending before the employing department of such employee or is the subject of, or a participant in, an ongoing audit, investigation or enforcement action being carried out by the employing department of such employee.
- 3. An employee retains the right to vote as the employee chooses and to express the employee's opinion on political subjects and candidates.
 - 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 2 of this section to the contrary, any employee that is not subject to the provisions of subsection 1 of section 36.030 or section 36.031 may run for the nomination, or as a candidate for election, to a partisan political office.
 - 105.485. 1. Each financial interest statement required by sections 105.483 to 105.492 shall be on a form prescribed by the commission and shall be signed and verified by a written declaration that it is made under penalties of perjury; provided, however, the form shall not seek information which is not specifically required by sections 105.483 to 105.492.
- 6 2. Each person required to file a financial interest statement pursuant to subdivisions (1) to (12) of section 105.483 shall file the following information for 7 himself or herself, his or her spouse and dependent children at any time during the period covered by the statement, whether singularly or collectively; provided, however, that said person, if he or she does not know and his or her spouse will not divulge any information required to be reported by this section concerning the financial interest of his or her spouse, shall state on his or her financial 12interest statement that he or she has disclosed that information known to him 13 or her and that his or her spouse has refused or failed to provide other 14 information upon his or her bona fide request, and such statement shall be 15 deemed to satisfy the requirements of this section for such financial interest of 16 his or her spouse; and provided further if the spouse of any person required to 17file a financial interest statement is also required by section 105.483 to file a 18 financial interest statement, the financial interest statement filed by each need not disclose the financial interest of the other, provided that each financial 20 interest statement shall state that the spouse of the person has filed a separate 21 22financial interest statement and the name under which the statement was filed:
 - (1) The name and address of each of the employers of such person from whom income of one thousand dollars or more was received during the year covered by the statement;

- (2) The name and address of each sole proprietorship which he **or she** owned; the name, address and the general nature of the business conducted of each general partnership and joint venture in which he **or she** was a partner or participant; the name and address of each partner or coparticipant for each partnership or joint venture unless such names and addresses are filed by the partnership or joint venture with the secretary of state; the name, address and general nature of the business conducted of any closely held corporation or limited partnership in which the person owned ten percent or more of any class of the outstanding stock or limited partners' units; and the name of any publicly traded corporation or limited partnership which is listed on a regulated stock exchange or automated quotation system in which the person owned two percent or more of any class of outstanding stock, limited partnership units or other equity interests;
- (3) The name and address of any other source not reported pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (2) and subdivisions (4) to (9) of this subsection from which such person received one thousand dollars or more of income during the year covered by the statement, including, but not limited to, any income otherwise required to be reported on any tax return such person is required by law to file; except that only the name of any publicly traded corporation or limited partnership which is listed on a regulated stock exchange or automated quotation system need be reported pursuant to this subdivision;
- (4) The location by county, the subclassification for property tax assessment purposes, the approximate size and a description of the major improvements and use for each parcel of real property in the state, other than the individual's personal residence, having a fair market value of ten thousand dollars or more in which such person held a vested interest including a leasehold for a term of ten years or longer, and, if the property was transferred during the year covered by the statement, the name and address of the persons furnishing or receiving consideration for such transfer;
- (5) The name and address of each entity in which such person owned stock, bonds or other equity interest with a value in excess of ten thousand dollars; except that, if the entity is a corporation listed on a regulated stock exchange, only the name of the corporation need be listed; and provided that any member of any board or commission of the state or any political subdivision who does not receive any compensation for his **or her** services to the state or political subdivision other than reimbursement for his **or her** actual expenses or a per

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- diem allowance as prescribed by law for each day of such service need not report 63 interests in publicly traded corporations or limited partnerships which are listed on a regulated stock exchange or automated quotation system pursuant to this 64 subdivision; and provided further that the provisions of this subdivision shall not 65 require reporting of any interest in any qualified plan or annuity pursuant to the 66 Employees' Retirement Income Security Act; 67
- (6) The name and address of each corporation for which such person 68 served in the capacity of a director, officer or receiver; 69
 - (7) The name and address of each not-for-profit corporation and each association, organization, or union, whether incorporated or not, except not-forprofit corporations formed to provide church services, fraternal organizations or service clubs from which the officer or employee draws no remuneration, in which such person was an officer, director, employee or trustee at any time during the year covered by the statement, and for each such organization, a general description of the nature and purpose of the organization;
 - (8) The name and address of each source from which such person received a gift or gifts, or honorarium or honoraria in excess of two hundred dollars in value per source during the year covered by the statement other than gifts from persons within the third degree of consanguinity or affinity of the person filing the financial interest statement. For the purposes of this section, a "gift" shall not be construed to mean political contributions otherwise required to be reported by law or hospitality such as food, beverages or admissions to social, art, or sporting events or the like, or informational material. For the purposes of this section, a "gift" shall include gifts to or by creditors of the individual for the purpose of cancelling, reducing or otherwise forgiving the indebtedness of the individual to that creditor;
 - (9) The lodging and travel expenses provided by any third person for expenses incurred outside the state of Missouri whether by gift or in relation to the duties of office of such official, except that such statement shall not include travel or lodging expenses:
- 92 (a) Paid in the ordinary course of business for businesses described in subdivisions (1), (2), (5) and (6) of this subsection which are related to the duties of office of such official; or
 - (b) For which the official may be reimbursed as provided by law; or
- 96 (c) Paid by persons related by the third degree of consanguinity or affinity 97 to the person filing the statement; or

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- 98 (d) Expenses which are reported by the campaign committee or candidate 99 committee of the person filing the statement pursuant to the provisions of chapter 100 130; or
- (e) Paid for purely personal purposes which are not related to the person's official duties by a third person who is not a lobbyist, a lobbyist principal or member, or officer or director of a member, of any association or entity which employs a lobbyist. The statement shall include the name and address of such person who paid the expenses, the date such expenses were incurred, the amount incurred, the location of the travel and lodging, and the nature of the services rendered or reason for the expenses;
 - (10) The assets in any revocable trust of which the individual is the settlor if such assets would otherwise be required to be reported under this section;
 - (11) The name, position and relationship of any relative within the first degree of consanguinity or affinity to any other person who:
- 113 (a) Is employed by the state of Missouri, by a political subdivision of the 114 state or special district, as defined in section 115.013, of the state of Missouri;
- (b) Is a lobbyist; or
 - (c) Is a fee agent of the department of revenue;
- 117 (12) The name and address of each campaign committee, political 118 committee, candidate committee, or continuing committee for which such person 119 or any corporation listed on such person's financial interest statement received 120 payment; and
 - (13) For members of the general assembly or any statewide elected public official, their spouses, and their dependent children, whether any state tax credits were claimed on the member's, spouse's, or dependent child's most recent state income tax return.
 - 3. For the purposes of subdivisions (1), (2) and (3) of subsection 2 of this section, an individual shall be deemed to have received a salary from his **or her** employer or income from any source at the time when he **or she** shall receive a negotiable instrument whether or not payable at a later date and at the time when under the practice of his **or her** employer or the terms of an agreement he **or she** has earned or is entitled to anything of actual value whether or not delivery of the value is deferred or right to it has vested. The term income as used in this section shall have the same meaning as provided in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and amendments thereto, as the same may be or becomes

effective, at any time or from time to time for the taxable year, provided that income shall not be considered received or earned for purposes of this section from a partnership or sole proprietorship until such income is converted from business to personal use.

- 4. Each official, officer or employee or candidate of any political subdivision described in subdivision (11) of section 105.483 shall be required to file a financial interest statement as required by subsection 2 of this section, unless the political subdivision biennially adopts an ordinance, order or resolution at an open meeting by September fifteenth of the preceding year, which establishes and makes public its own method of disclosing potential conflicts of interest and substantial interests and therefore excludes the political subdivision or district and its officers and employees from the requirements of subsection 2 of this section. A certified copy of the ordinance, order or resolution shall be sent to the commission within ten days of its adoption. The commission shall assist any political subdivision in developing forms to complete the requirements of this subsection. The ordinance, order or resolution shall contain, at a minimum, the following requirements with respect to disclosure of substantial interests:
- 151 (1) Disclosure in writing of the following described transactions, if any such transactions were engaged in during the calendar year:
 - (a) For such person, and all persons within the first degree of consanguinity or affinity of such person, the date and the identities of the parties to each transaction with a total value in excess of five hundred dollars, if any, that such person had with the political subdivision, other than compensation received as an employee or payment of any tax, fee or penalty due to the political subdivision, and other than transfers for no consideration to the political subdivision;
 - (b) The date and the identities of the parties to each transaction known to the person with a total value in excess of five hundred dollars, if any, that any business entity in which such person had a substantial interest, had with the political subdivision, other than payment of any tax, fee or penalty due to the political subdivision or transactions involving payment for providing utility service to the political subdivision, and other than transfers for no consideration to the political subdivision;
- 167 (2) The chief administrative officer and chief purchasing officer of such 168 political subdivision shall disclose in writing the information described in 169 subdivisions (1), (2) and (6) of subsection 2 of this section;

- 170 (3) Disclosure of such other financial interests applicable to officials, 171 officers and employees of the political subdivision, as may be required by the 172 ordinance or resolution;
- 173 (4) Duplicate disclosure reports made pursuant to this subsection shall be 174 filed with the commission and the governing body of the political 175 subdivision. The clerk of such governing body shall maintain such disclosure 176 reports available for public inspection and copying during normal business hours.
- 5. The name and employer of dependent children under twentyone years of age of each person required to file a financial interest form under this section shall be redacted and not made publicly available, upon the written request of such person to the commission.
- 6. Nothing in subsection 5 of this section shall be construed to abate the responsibility of reporting the names and employers of dependent children of each person required to file a financial interest form.
 - 115.277. 1. Except as provided in subsections 2, 3, 4, and 5 of this 2 section, any registered voter of this state may vote by absentee ballot for all 3 candidates and issues for which such voter would be eligible to vote at the polling 4 place if such voter expects to be prevented from going to the polls to vote on 5 election day due to:
 - 6 (1) Absence on election day from the jurisdiction of the election authority 7 in which such voter is registered to vote;
 - 8 (2) Incapacity or confinement due to illness or physical disability, 9 including a person who is primarily responsible for the physical care of a person 10 who is incapacitated or confined due to illness or disability;
 - (3) Religious belief or practice;

- 12 (4) Employment as an election authority, as a member of an election 13 authority, or by an election authority at a location other than such voter's polling 14 place;
 - (5) Incarceration, provided all qualifications for voting are retained;
- 16 (6) Certified participation in the address confidentiality program established under sections 589.660 to 589.681 because of safety concerns; or
- 18 (7) For an election that occurs during the year 2020, the voter 19 has contracted or is in an at-risk category for contracting or 20 transmitting severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2. This 21 subdivision shall expire on December 31, 2020.

- 22 2. Any covered voter, as defined in section 115.275, who is eligible to 23 register and vote in this state may vote in any election for federal office, statewide office, state legislative office, or statewide ballot initiatives by 24 submitting a federal postcard application to apply to vote by absentee ballot or 2526 by submitting a federal postcard application at the polling place even though the person is not registered. A federal postcard application submitted by a covered 27voter pursuant to this subsection shall also serve as a voter registration 28 29 application under section 115.908 and the election authority shall, if satisfied 30 that the applicant is entitled to register, place the voter's name on the voter 31 registration file. Each covered voter may vote by absentee ballot or, upon 32 submitting an affidavit that the person is qualified to vote in the election, may 33 vote at the person's polling place.
- 3. Any interstate former resident[, as defined in section 115.275,] may vote by absentee ballot for presidential and vice presidential electors.
- 4. Any intrastate new resident[, as defined in section 115.275,] may vote by absentee ballot at the election for presidential and vice presidential electors, United States senator, representative in Congress, statewide elected officials and statewide questions, propositions and amendments from such resident's new jurisdiction of residence after registering to vote in such resident's new jurisdiction of residence.
- 5. Any new resident [, as defined in section 115.275,] may vote by absentee ballot for presidential and vice presidential electors after registering to vote in such resident's new jurisdiction of residence.
 - 6. For purposes of this section, the voters who are in an at-risk category for contracting or transmitting severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 are voters who:
- 48 (1) Are sixty-five years of age or older;
 - (2) Live in a long-term care facility licensed under chapter 198;
- 50 (3) Have chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma;
- 51 (4) Have serious heart conditions;
- 52 (5) Are immunocompromised;
- 53 (6) Have diabetes;

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- 54 (7) Have chronic kidney disease and are undergoing dialysis; or
- 55 (8) Have liver disease.
- 115.283. 1. Each ballot envelope shall bear a statement on which the voter's name, the voter's voting address, the voter's mailing

3	address and the voter's reason for voting an absentee ballot. If the reason for the		
4	voter voting absentee is due to the reasons established under subdivision (6) o		
5	subsection 1 of section 115.277, the voter shall state the voter's identification		
6	information provided by the address confidentiality program in lieu of the		
7	applicant's name, voting address, and mailing address. On the form, the voter		
8	shall also state under penalties of perjury that the voter is qualified to vote in the		
9	election, that the voter has not previously voted and will not vote again in the		
10	election, that the voter has personally marked the voter's ballot in secret or		
11	supervised the marking of the voter's ballot if the voter is unable to mark it, that		
12	the ballot has been placed in the ballot envelope and sealed by the voter or under		
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14	contained in the statement is true. In addition, any person providing assistance		
15	to the absentee voter shall include a statement on the envelope identifying the		
16	person providing assistance under penalties of perjury. Persons authorized to		
17	vote only for federal and statewide officers shall also state their former Missouri		
18	residence.		
19	2. The statement for persons voting absentee ballots who are registered		
20	voters shall be in substantially the following form:		
21	State of Missouri		
22	County (City) of		
23	I, (print name), a registered voter of County (City of		
24	St. Louis, Kansas City), declare under the penalties of perjury that		
25	I expect to be prevented from going to the polls on election day due		
26	to (check one):		
27	absence on election day from the jurisdiction of the		
28	election authority in which I am registered;		
29	incapacity or confinement due to illness or physical		
30	disability, including caring for a person who is		
31	incapacitated or confined due to illness or disability;		
32	religious belief or practice;		
33	employment as an election authority or by an		
34	election authority at a location other than my polling		
35	place;		
36	incarceration, although I have retained all the		
37	necessary qualifications for voting;		
38	certified participation in the address confidentiality		

39	program established under sections 589.660 to			
40	589.681 because of safety concerns.			
41	I hereby state under penalties of perjury that I am qualified to vote	I hereby state under penalties of perjury that I am qualified to vote		
42	at this election; I have not voted and will not vote other than by			
43	this ballot at this election. I further state that I marked the			
44	enclosed ballot in secret or that I am blind, unable to read or write	enclosed ballot in secret or that I am blind, unable to read or write		
45	English, or physically incapable of marking the ballot, and the	English, or physically incapable of marking the ballot, and the		
46	person of my choosing indicated below marked the ballot at my	person of my choosing indicated below marked the ballot at my		
47	direction; all of the information on this statement is, to the best of			
48	my knowledge and belief, true.			
49	<u>Unomicial</u>			
50	Signature of Voter Signature of Person			
51	Assisting Voter			
52	(if applicable)			
53	Signed Subscribed and sworn			
54	Signed to before me this			
55	Address of Voterday of,			
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58	Mailing addresses Signature of notary or			
59	(if different) other officer			
60	authorized to			
61	administer oaths			
62	3. The statement for persons voting absentee ballots pursuant to the	ıе		
63	provisions of subsection 2, 3, 4, or 5 of section 115.277 without being registered	ed		
64	shall be in substantially the following form:			
65	State of Missouri			
66	County (City) of			
67	I, (print name), declare under the penalties of perjury that			
68	I am a citizen of the United States and eighteen years of age or			
69	older. I am not adjudged incapacitated by any court of law, and if			
70	I have been convicted of a felony or of a misdemeanor connected			
71	with the right of suffrage, I have had the voting disabilities			
72	resulting from such conviction removed pursuant to law. I hereby			
73	state under penalties of perjury that I am qualified to vote at this			
74	election.			

75	I am (check one):			
76	a resident of the state of Missouri and a registered			
77	voter in County and moved from that county			
78	to County, Missouri, after the last day to			
79	register to vote in this elect	register to vote in this election.		
80	an interstate former resident of Missouri and			
81	authorized to vote for	presidential and vice		
82	presidential electors.	presidential electors.		
83	I further state under penalties of perjury t	hat I have not voted and		
84	will not vote other than by this ballot at th	is election; I marked the		
85	enclosed ballot in secret or am blind, u	anable to read or write		
86	English, or physically incapable of mark	ting the ballot, and the		
87	person of my choosing indicated below n	person of my choosing indicated below marked the ballot at my		
88	direction; all of the information on this sta	direction; all of the information on this statement is, to the best of		
89	my knowledge and belief, true.			
90		Subscribed to and		
91	Signature of Voter	sworn before me this		
92		day of		
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96	Address of Voter	Signature of notary or		
97		other officer authorized		
98		to administer oaths		
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100	Mailing Address (if different)			
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103	Signature of Person	Address of Last		
104	Assisting Voter	Missouri Residence		
105		(if applicable)		
106	4. The statement for persons voting absentee ballots who are entitled to			
107	vote at the election pursuant to the provisions of subsection 2 of section 115.137			
108	shall be in substantially the following form:			
109	State of Missouri			
110	County (City) of			

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111	I, (print name), declare under the penalties of perjury that		
112	I expect to be prevented from going to the polls on election day due		
113	to (check one):		
114	absence on election day from the jurisdiction of the		
115	election authority in which I am directed to vote;		
116	incapacity or confinement due to illness or physical		
117	disability, including caring for a person who is		
118	incapacitated or confined due to illness or disability;		
119	religious belief or practice;		
120	employment as an election authority or by an		
121	election authority at a location other than my polling		
122	place;		
123	incarceration, although I have retained all the		
124	necessary qualifications of voting;		
125	certified participation in the address confidentiality		
126	program established under sections 589.660 to		
127	589.681 because of safety concerns.		
128	I hereby state under penalties of perjury that I own property in the		
129	district and am qualified to vote at this election; I have not		
130	voted and will not vote other than by this ballot at this election. I		
131	further state that I marked the enclosed ballot in secret or that I		
132	am blind, unable to read and write English, or physically incapable		
133	of marking the ballot, and the person of my choosing indicated		
134	below marked the ballot at my direction; all of the information on		
135	this statement is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true.		
136	Subscribed and sworn		
137	Signature of Voter to before me this		
138	day of		
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142	Address Signature of notary or		
143	other officer authorized to		
144	administer oaths		
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146	Signature of Person		

- 147 **Assisting Voter** 148 (if applicable) 149 5. The statement for persons providing assistance to absentee voters shall 150 be in substantially the following form: 151 The voter needed assistance in marking the ballot and signing 152 above, because of blindness, other physical disability, or inability to read or to read English. I marked the ballot enclosed in this 153 154 envelope at the voter's direction, when I was alone with the voter, and I had no other communication with the voter as to how he or 155 she was to vote. The voter swore or affirmed the voter affidavit 156 157 above and I then signed the voter's name and completed the other 158 voter information above. Signed under the penalties of perjury. 159 Reason why voter needed assistance: _____ 160 ASSISTING PERSON SIGN HERE 1. (signature of assisting person) 161 2. ____ (assisting person's name printed) 162 3. _____ (assisting person's residence) 163 164 4. ____ (assisting person's home city or town). 6. The election authority shall, for an election held during 2020, 165 adjust the forms described in this section to account for voters voting 166 167 absentee due to the reason established pursuant to subdivision (7) of 168 subsection 1 of section 115.277. 169 7. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, any covered voter as defined in section 115.902 or persons who have declared themselves to be 170 permanently disabled pursuant to section 115.284, otherwise entitled to vote, 171172 shall not be required to obtain a notary seal or signature on his or her absentee 173 ballot. 174 [7.] 8. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or section 115.291 to the contrary, the subscription, signature and seal of a notary or other 175 176 officer authorized to administer oaths shall not be required on any ballot, ballot envelope, or statement required by this section if the reason for the voter voting 177 178 absentee is due to the reasons established pursuant to subdivision (2) or (7) of subsection 1 of section 115.277. 179 180 [8.] 9. No notary shall charge or collect a fee for notarizing the signature
- [9.] 10. A notary public who charges more than the maximum fee

on any absentee ballot or absentee voter registration.

specified or who charges or collects a fee for notarizing the signature on any absentee ballot or absentee voter registration is guilty of official misconduct.

115.285. The secretary of state may prescribe uniform regulations with respect to the printing of ballot envelopes and mailing envelopes, which shall comply with standards established by federal law or postal regulations. Mailing envelopes for use in returning ballots shall be printed with business reply permits so that any ballot returned by mail does not require postage. All fees and costs for establishing and maintaining the business reply and postage-free mail for all ballots cast shall be paid by the secretary of state through state appropriations. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a ballot envelope used under section 115.302 shall be the same ballot envelope used for absentee ballots, provided an option shall be listed on the envelope to clearly indicate whether the voter is casting an absentee ballot or a mail-in ballot.

115.291. 1. Upon receiving an absentee ballot by mail, the voter shall mark the ballot in secret, place the ballot in the ballot envelope, seal the envelope and fill out the statement on the ballot envelope. The affidavit of each person voting an absentee ballot shall be subscribed and sworn to before the election official receiving the ballot, a notary public or other officer authorized by law to administer oaths, unless the voter is voting absentee due to incapacity or confinement due to the provisions of section 115.284, illness or physical disability, for an election that occurs during the year 2020, the voter has contracted or is in an at-risk category for contracting or transmitting 9 severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2, as defined in section 10 115.277, or the voter is a covered voter as defined in section 115.902. If the voter 11 is blind, unable to read or write the English language, or physically incapable of voting the ballot, the voter may be assisted by a person of the voter's own choosing. Any person assisting a voter who is not entitled to such assistance, and 14 any person who assists a voter and in any manner coerces or initiates a request 15 or a suggestion that the voter vote for or against or refrain from voting on any 16 question, ticket or candidate, shall be guilty of a class one election offense. If, 17 upon counting, challenge or election contest, it is ascertained that any absentee 18 19 ballot was voted with unlawful assistance, the ballot shall be rejected. For purposes of this subsection, the voters who are in an at-risk category 20 21for contracting or transmitting severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 are voters who:

- 23 (1) Sixty-five years of age or older;
- 24 (2) Live in a long-term care facility licensed under chapter 198;
- 25 (3) Have chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma;
- 26 (4) Have serious heart conditions;
- 27 (5) Are immunocompromised;
- 28 (6) Have diabetes;
- 29 (7) Have chronic kidney disease and are undergoing dialysis; or
- 30 (8) Have liver disease.
- 31 2. Except as provided in subsection 4 of this section, each absentee ballot that is not cast by the voter in person in the office of the election authority shall 32 be returned to the election authority in the ballot envelope and shall only be 33 returned by the voter in person, or in person by a relative of the voter who is 34 within the second degree of consanguinity or affinity, by mail or registered carrier 35 36 or by a team of deputy election authorities; except that covered voters, when sent 37 from a location determined by the secretary of state to be inaccessible on election 38 day, shall be allowed to return their absentee ballots cast by use of facsimile transmission or under a program approved by the Department of Defense for 39 electronic transmission of election materials. 40
- 3. In cases of an emergency declared by the President of the United States or the governor of this state where the conduct of an election may be affected, the secretary of state may provide for the delivery and return of absentee ballots by use of a facsimile transmission device or system. Any rule promulgated pursuant to this subsection shall apply to a class or classes of voters as provided for by the secretary of state.
- 47 4. No election authority shall refuse to accept and process any otherwise 48 valid marked absentee ballot submitted in any manner by a covered voter solely 49 on the basis of restrictions on envelope type.
- 115.302. 1. Any registered voter of this state may cast a mail-in ballot as provided in this section. Nothing in this section shall prevent a voter from casting an absentee ballot, provided such person has not cast a ballot pursuant to this section. Application for a mail-in-ballot may be made by the applicant in person, or by United States mail, or on behalf of the applicant by his or her guardian or relative within the second degree of consanguinity or affinity.
- 8 2. Each application for a mail-in-ballot shall be made to the 9 election authority of the jurisdiction in which the person is

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10 registered. Each application shall be in writing and shall state the applicant's name, address at which he or she is registered, the address 11 12 to which the ballot is to be mailed.

- 3. All applications for mail-in-ballots received prior to the sixth Tuesday before an election shall be stored at the office of the election authority until such time as the applications are processed under section 115.281. No application for a mail-in-ballot received in the office of the election authority after 5:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday immediately prior to the election shall be accepted by any election authority.
- 4. Each application for a mail-in-ballot shall be signed by the applicant or, if the application is made by a guardian or relative under this section, the application shall be signed by the guardian or relative, who shall note on the application his or her relationship to the applicant. If an applicant, guardian, or relative is blind, unable to read or write the English language, or physically incapable of signing the application, he or she shall sign by mark that is witnessed by the 26signature of an election official or person of his or her choice. Knowingly making, delivering, or mailing a fraudulent mail-inballot application is a class one election offense.
 - 5. Not later than the sixth Tuesday prior to each election, or within fourteen days after candidate names or questions are certified under section 115.125, the election authority shall cause to have printed and made available a sufficient quantity of ballots, ballot envelopes, and mailing envelopes. As soon as possible after a proper official calls a special state or county election, the election authority shall cause to have printed and made available a sufficient quantity of mail-in ballots, ballot envelopes, and mailing envelopes.
- 6. Each ballot envelope shall bear a statement in substantially the same form described in subsection 9 of this section. In addition, 39 any person providing assistance to the mail-in voter shall include a 40 signature on the envelope identifying the person providing such 41 assistance under penalties of perjury. Persons authorized to vote only 42for federal and statewide offices shall also state their former Missouri residence.
- 45 7. The statement for persons voting mail-in ballots who are registered voters shall be in substantially the following form: 46

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49	I, (print name), a registere	ed voter of County
50	(City of St. Louis, Kansas City), de	clare under the penalties
51	of perjury that: I am qualified to vote at this election; l	
52	have not voted and will not vote other than by this ballot	
53	at this election. I further state that I marked the enclosed	
54	ballot in secret or that I am blind, unable to read or write	
55	English, or physically incapable of marking the ballot, and	
56	the person of my choosing indicated below marked the	
57	ballot at my direction; all of t	the information on this
58	statement is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true.	
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60	Signature of Voter	Signature of Person
61		Assisting Voter
62		(If applicable)
63	Subscribed and sworn to before me this	
64	day of,	
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66	Signature of notary or other	officer authorized to
67	administer oaths.	
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70	Mailing Addresses	
71	(If different)	
72	8. Upon receipt of a signed appl	ication for a mail-in ball

8. Upon receipt of a signed application for a mail-in ballot and if satisfied that the applicant is entitled to vote by mail-in ballot, the election authority shall, within three working days after receiving the application, or, if mail-in ballots are not available at the time the 76 application is received, within five working days after such ballots become available, deliver to the voter a mail-in ballot, ballot envelope 78 and such instructions as are necessary for the applicant to vote. If the election authority is not satisfied that any applicant is entitled to vote by mail-in ballot, the authority shall not deliver a mail-in ballot to the applicant. Within three working days of receiving such an application, the election authority shall notify the applicant and state the reason he or she is not entitled to vote by mail-in ballot. The applicant may file

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a complaint with the elections division of the secretary of state's office under section 115.219. 85

- 9. On the mailing and ballot envelopes for each covered voter, the election authority shall stamp the words "ELECTION BALLOT, STATE OF MISSOURI" and "U.S. Postage Paid, 39 U.S.C. Section 3406".
- 89 10. No information which encourages a vote for or against a candidate or issue shall be provided to any voter with a mail-in ballot. 90
- 11. Upon receiving a mail-in ballot by mail, the voter shall mark the ballot in secret, place the ballot in the ballot envelope, seal the envelope and fill out the statement on the ballot envelope. The statement required under subsection 7 of this section shall be subscribed and sworn to before a notary public or other officer authorized by law to administer oaths. If the voter is blind, unable to read or write the English language, or physically incapable of voting the ballot, the voter may be assisted by a person of the voter's own choosing. Any person who assists a voter and in any manner coerces or initiates a request or suggestion that the voter vote for or against, 100 or refrain from voting on, any question or candidate, shall be guilty of a class one election offense. If, upon counting, challenge, or election contest, it is ascertained that any mail-in ballot was voted with unlawful assistance, the ballot shall be rejected.
 - 12. Each mail-in ballot shall be returned to the election authority in the ballot envelope and shall only be returned by the voter by United States mail.
- 13. The secretary of state may prescribe uniform regulations 109 with respect to the printing of ballot envelopes and mailing envelopes, which shall comply with standards established by federal law or postal 110 regulations. Mailing envelopes for use in returning ballots shall be printed with business reply permits so that any ballot returned by mail 112 does not require postage. All fees and costs for establishing and 113 maintaining the business reply and postage-free mail for all ballots cast 114 115 shall be paid by the secretary of state through state appropriations.
- 14. All votes on each mail-in ballot received by an election 116 authority at or before the time fixed by law for the closing of the polls 117on election day shall be counted. No votes on any mail-in ballot 118 received by an election authority after the time fixed by law for the 119 closing of the polls on election day shall be counted. 120

- 121 15. If sufficient evidence is shown to an election authority that 122 any mail-in voter has died prior to the opening of the polls on election 123 day, the ballot of the deceased voter shall be rejected if it is still sealed in the ballot envelope. Any such rejected ballot, still sealed in its ballot 124 envelope, shall be sealed with the application and any other papers 125 126 connected therewith in an envelope marked "Rejected ballot of _____, a mail-in voter of ____ voting district". The reason for rejection shall 127 be noted on the envelope, which shall be kept by the election authority 128 with the other ballots from the election until the ballots are destroyed 129 130 according to law.
- 131 16. As each mail-in ballot is received by the election authority, 132 the election authority shall indicate its receipt on the list.
- 133 17. All mail-in ballot envelopes received by the election authority 134 shall be kept together in a safe place and shall not be opened except as 135 provided under this chapter.
- 18. Mail-in ballots shall be counted using the procedures set out in sections 115.297, 115.299, 115.300, and 115.303.
- 138 19. The false execution of a mail-in ballot is a class one election 139 offense. The attorney general or any prosecuting or circuit attorney 140 shall have the authority to prosecute such offense either in the county 141 of residence of the person or in the circuit court of Cole County.
- 142 **20.** The provisions of this section shall apply only to an election 143 that occurs during the year 2020, to avoid the risk of contracting or 144 transmitting severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2.
- 145 **21.** The provisions of this section terminate and shall be repealed 146 on December 31, 2020, and shall not apply to any election conducted 147 after that date.
 - 115.357. 1. Except as provided in subsections 3 and 4 of this section, each candidate for federal, state or county office shall, before filing his **or her** declaration of candidacy, pay to the treasurer of the state or county committee of the political party upon whose ticket he **or she** seeks nomination a certain sum of money as follows:
 - (1) To the treasurer of the state central committee, [two] five hundred dollars if he or she is a candidate for statewide office or for United States senator, [one] three hundred dollars if he or she is a candidate for representative in Congress, circuit judge or state senator, and one hundred fifty dollars if he or she is a candidate for state representative;

- 11 (2) To the treasurer of the county central committee, [fifty] one hundred 12 dollars if he or she is a candidate for county office.
 - 2. The required sum may be submitted by the candidate to the official accepting his or her declaration of candidacy, except that a candidate required to file his or her declaration of candidacy with the secretary of state shall pay the required sum directly to the treasurer of the appropriate party committee. All sums [so] submitted to the official accepting the candidate's declaration of candidacy shall be forwarded promptly by the official to the treasurer of the appropriate party committee.
 - 3. Any person who cannot pay the fee required to file as a candidate may have the fee waived by filing a declaration of inability to pay and a petition with his declaration of candidacy. Each such declaration shall be in substantially the following form:

24	DECLARATION OF INABILITY TO PAY FILING FEE	
25	I,, do hereby swear that I am financially unable to pay the	
26	fee of (amount of fee) to file as a candidate for nomination	
27	to the office of at the prin	nary election to be held on the
28	day of, 20	
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30	Signature of candidate	Subscribed and sworn to before
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34	Residence address	Signature of election official
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36		administer oaths

If the candidate's declaration of candidacy is to be filed in person, the declaration of inability to pay shall be subscribed and sworn to by the candidate before the election official who witnesses the candidate's declaration of candidacy. If his declaration of candidacy is to be filed by certified mail pursuant to subsection 2 of section 115.355, the declaration of inability to pay shall be subscribed and sworn to by the candidate before the notary or other officer who witnesses the candidate's declaration of candidacy. With his declaration of inability to pay, the candidate shall submit a petition endorsing his candidacy. Except for the number of signatures required, each such petition shall, insofar as practicable, be in the form provided in sections 115.321 and 115.325. If the person filing declaration

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47 of indigence is to be a candidate for statewide office, his petition shall be signed 48 by the number of registered voters in the state equal to at least one-half of one percent of the total number of votes cast in the state for the office at the last 49 election in which a candidate ran for the office. If the person filing a declaration 50 of indigence is to be a candidate for any other office, the petition shall be signed 51 by the number of registered voters in the district or political subdivision which 52is equal to at least one percent of the total number of votes cast for the office at 53 the last election in which a candidate ran for the office. The candidate's 54 declaration of inability to pay and the petition shall be filed at the same time and 55 56 in the same manner as his declaration of candidacy is filed. The petition shall 57 be checked and its sufficiency determined in the same manner as new party and 58 independent candidate petitions.

- 4. No filing fee shall be required of any person who proposes to be an independent candidate, the candidate of a new party or a candidate for presidential elector.
- 5. Except as provided in subsections 3 and 4 of this section, no candidate's name shall be printed on any official ballot until the required fee has been paid.
- 115.621. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, any legislative, senatorial, or judicial district committee that is wholly contained within a county or a city not within a county may choose to meet on the same day as the respective county or city committee. All other committees shall meet as otherwise prescribed in this section.
- 6 2. The members of each county committee shall meet at the county seat not earlier than two weeks after each primary election but in no event later than 8 the third Saturday after each primary election, at the discretion of the chairman at the committee. In each city not within a county, the city committee shall meet on the same day at the city hall. In all counties of the first, second, and third 10 classification, the county courthouse shall be made available for such meetings 11 and any other county political party meeting at no charge to the party committees. In all cities not within a county, the city hall shall be made 13 available for such meetings and any other city political party meeting at no 14 charge to the party committees. At the meeting, each committee shall organize 15 by electing two of its members, a man and a woman, as chair and vice chair, and 17 a man and a woman who may or may not be members of the committee as secretary and treasurer. 18
 - 3. The members of each congressional district committee shall meet at

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some place and time within the district, to be designated by the current chair of the committee, not earlier than five weeks after each primary election but in no event later than the sixth Saturday after each primary election. The county 22 23 courthouse in counties of the first, second and third classification in which the meeting is to take place, as designated by the chair, shall be made available for such meeting and any other congressional district political party committee meeting at no charge to the committee. At the meeting, the committee shall organize by electing one of its members as chair and one of its members as vice chair, one of whom shall be a woman and one of whom shall be a man, and a secretary and a treasurer, one of whom shall be a woman and one of whom shall be a man, who may or may not be members of the committee.

- 4. The members of each legislative district committee shall meet at some place and date within the legislative district or within one of the counties in which the legislative district exists, to be designated by the current chair of the committee, not earlier than three weeks after each primary election but in no event later than the fourth Saturday after each primary election. The county courthouse in counties of the first, second and third classification in which the meeting is to take place, as designated by the chair, shall be made available for such meeting and any other legislative district political party committee meeting at no charge to the committee. At the meeting, the committee shall organize by electing two of its members, a man and a woman, as chair and vice chair, and a man and a woman who may or may not be members of the committee as secretary and treasurer.
- 5. The members of each senatorial district committee shall meet at some place and date within the district, to be designated by the current chair of the committee, if there is one, and if not, by the chair of the congressional district in which the senatorial district is principally located, not earlier than four weeks after each primary election but in no event later than the fifth Saturday after each primary election. The county courthouse in counties of the first, second and third classification in which the meeting is to take place, as so designated pursuant to this subsection, shall be made available for such meeting and any other senatorial district political party committee meeting at no charge to the committee. At the meeting, the committee shall organize by electing one of its members as chair and one of its members as vice chair, one of whom shall be a woman and one of whom shall be a man, and a secretary and a treasurer, one of whom shall be a woman and one of whom shall be a man, who may or may not be

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- 6. The members of each senatorial district shall also meet at some place within the district, to be designated by the current chair of the committee, if there is one, and if not, by the chair of the congressional district in which the senatorial district is principally located, on the Saturday after each general election or concurrently with the election of senatorial officers, if designated or not objected to by the chair of the congressional district where the senatorial district is principally located. At the meeting, the committee shall proceed to elect two registered voters of the district, one man and one woman, as members of the party's state committee.
- 7. The members of each judicial district may meet at some place and date 66 within the judicial district or within one of the counties in which the judicial 67 68 district exists, to be designated by the current chair of the committee or the chair of the congressional district committee, not earlier than six weeks after each 69 70 primary election but in no event later than the seventh Saturday after each primary election. The county courthouse in counties of the first, second and third 72classification in which the meeting is to take place, as so designated pursuant to this subsection, shall be made available for such meeting and any other judicial 73 district political party committee meeting at no charge to the committee. At the 74 meeting, the committee shall organize by electing two of its members, a man and 75a woman, as chair and vice chair, and a man and a woman who may or may not 76 be members of the committee as secretary and treasurer. 77
 - 115.642. 1. Any person may file a complaint with the secretary of state stating the name of any person who has violated any of the provisions of sections 115.629 to 115.646 and stating the facts of the alleged offense, sworn to, under 4 penalty of perjury.
- 2. Within thirty days of receiving a complaint, the secretary of state shall 5 notify the person filing the complaint whether or not the secretary has dismissed 6 the complaint or will commence an investigation. The secretary of state shall 8 dismiss frivolous complaints. For purposes of this subsection, "frivolous complaint" shall mean an allegation clearly lacking any basis in fact or law. Any 10 person who makes a frivolous complaint pursuant to this section shall be liable 11 for actual and compensatory damages to the alleged violator for holding the 12 alleged violator before the public in a false light. If reasonable grounds appear 13 that the alleged offense was committed, the secretary of state may issue a probable cause statement. If the secretary of state issues a probable cause 14

- statement, he or she may refer the offense to the appropriate prosecuting attorney.
- 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 27.060, 56.060, or 56.430 to the contrary, when requested by the prosecuting attorney or circuit attorney, the secretary of state or his or her authorized representatives may aid any prosecuting attorney or circuit attorney in the commencement and prosecution of
- 21 election offenses as provided in sections 115.629 to 115.646.
- 4. (1) The secretary of state may investigate any suspected violation of any of the provisions of sections 115.629 to 115.646.
- (2) (a) The secretary of state or an authorized representative of the secretary of state shall have the power to require the production of books, papers, correspondence, memoranda, contracts, agreements, and other records by subpoena or otherwise when necessary to conduct an investigation under this section. Such powers shall be exercised only at the specific written direction of the secretary of state or his or her chief deputy.
- (b) If any person refuses to comply with a subpoena issued under 31 this subsection, the secretary of state may seek to enforce the subpoena 32 before a court of competent jurisdiction to require the production of 33 books, papers, correspondence, memoranda, contracts, agreements, and 34 other records. The court may issue an order requiring the person to 35 produce records relating to the matter under investigation or in 36 question. Any person who fails to comply with the order may be held 37in contempt of court. 38
- 39 (c) The provisions of this subdivision shall expire on August 28, 40 2025.
- 115.652. **1.** An election shall not be conducted under sections 115.650 to 2 115.660 unless:
- 3 (1) The officer or agency calling the election submits a written request 4 that the election be conducted by mail. Such request shall be submitted not later 5 than the date specified in section 115.125 for submission of the notice of election 6 and sample ballot;
- 7 (2) The election authority responsible for conducting the election 8 authorizes the use of mailed ballots for the election;
- 9 (3) The election is nonpartisan;
- 10 (4) The election is not one at which any candidate is elected, retained or

11 recalled; and

- 12 (5) The election is an issue election at which all of the qualified voters of 13 any one political subdivision are the only voters eligible to vote.
- 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1 of this section or any other provision of law to the contrary, an election may be conducted by mail as authorized under section 115.302, during the year 2020, to avoid the risk of contracting or transmitting severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2. This subsection shall expire December 31, 2020.
- 115.761. 1. The official list of presidential candidates for each established political party shall include the names of all constitutionally qualified candidates for whom, on or after 8:00 a.m. on the fifteenth Tuesday prior to the presidential primary, and on or before 5:00 p.m., on the eleventh Tuesday prior to the presidential primary, a written request to be included on the presidential primary ballot is filed with the secretary of state along with:
- 7 (1) Receipt of payment to the state committee of the established political 8 party on whose ballot the candidate wishes to appear of a filing fee of [one] five 9 thousand dollars; or
- 10 (2) A written statement, sworn to before an officer authorized by law to administer oaths, that the candidate is unable to pay the filing fee and does not 11 have funds in a campaign fund or committee to pay the filing fee and a petition signed by not less than five thousand registered Missouri voters, as determined by the secretary of state, that the candidate's name be placed on the ballot of the 14 specified established political party for the presidential preference primary. The 15 16 request to be included on the presidential primary ballot shall include each 17 signer's printed name, registered address and signature and shall be in 18 substantially the following form:
- 23 2. The state or national party organization of an established political party that adopts rules imposing signature requirements to be met before a candidate can be listed as an official candidate shall notify the secretary of state by October first of the year preceding the presidential primary.
 - 3. Any candidate or such candidate's authorized representative may have

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28 such candidate's name stricken from the presidential primary ballot by filing with 29 the secretary of state on or before 5:00 p.m. on the eleventh Tuesday prior to the presidential primary election a written statement, sworn to before an officer 30 authorized by law to administer oaths, requesting that such candidate's name not 31 32 be printed on the official primary ballot. Thereafter, the secretary of state shall not include the name of that candidate in the official list announced pursuant to 33 section 115.758 or in the certified list of candidates transmitted pursuant to 34 35 section 115.765.

4. The filing times set out in this section shall only apply to presidential preference primaries, and are in lieu of those established in section 115.349.

347.740. The secretary of state may collect an additional fee of five dollars on each and every fee required in this chapter. All fees collected as provided in this section shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the secretary of state's technology trust fund account. The provisions of this section shall expire on December 31, [2021] 2026.

351.127. The secretary of state may collect an additional fee of five dollars on each and every fee required in this chapter, provided that the secretary of state may collect an additional fee of ten dollars on each corporate registration report fee filed under section 351.122. All fees collected as provided in this section shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the secretary of state's technology trust fund account. The provisions of this section shall expire on December 31, [2021] 2026.

355.023. The secretary of state may collect an additional fee of five dollars on each and every fee required in this chapter. All fees collected as provided in this section shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the secretary of state's technology trust fund account. The provisions of this section shall expire on December 31, [2021] 2026.

356.233. The secretary of state may collect an additional fee of five dollars on each and every fee required in this chapter. All fees collected as provided in this section shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the secretary of state's technology trust fund account. The provisions of this section shall expire on December 31, [2021] 2026.

359.653. The secretary of state may collect an additional fee of five dollars on each and every fee required in this chapter. All fees collected as provided in this section shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the secretary of state's technology trust fund account. The provisions of this section shall

5 expire on December 31, [2021] **2026**.

400.9-528. The secretary of state may collect an additional fee of five dollars on each and every fee paid to the secretary of state as required in chapter 400.9. All fees collected as provided in this section shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the secretary of state's technology trust fund account. The provisions of this section shall expire on December 31, [2021] 2026.

417.018. The secretary of state may collect an additional fee of five dollars on each and every fee required in this chapter. All fees collected as provided in this section shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the secretary of state's technology trust fund account. The provisions of this section shall expire on December 31, [2021] 2026.

Section B. Because immediate action is necessary to ensure citizens can safely exercise the right to vote in the 2020 election, the enactment of section 115.302 and the repeal and reenactment of sections 115.277, 115.283, 115.285, 115.291, and 115.652 of this act is deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, welfare, peace and safety, and is hereby declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and the enactment of section 115.302 and the repeal and reenactment of sections 115.277, 115.283, 115.285, 115.291, and 115.652 of this act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

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