AN ACT


36.155. 1. An employee may take part in the activities of political parties and political campaigns.
2 2. An employee may not:
3 (1) Use the employee's official authority or influence for the purpose of interfering with the results of an election;
4 (2) Knowingly solicit, accept or receive a political contribution from any person who is a subordinate employee of the employee;
5 (3) Run for the nomination, or as a candidate for election, to a partisan political office; or
6 (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.
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.

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 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 interest statement that he or she has disclosed that information known to him or her and that his or her spouse has refused or failed to provide other information upon his or her bona fide request, and such statement shall be deemed to satisfy the requirements of this section for such financial interest of his or her spouse; and provided further if the spouse of any person required to file a financial interest statement is also required by section 105.483 to file a financial interest statement, the financial interest statement filed by each need not disclose the financial interest of the other, provided that each financial interest statement shall state that the spouse of the person has filed a separate financial 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
diem allowance as prescribed by law for each day of such service need not report interests in publicly traded corporations or limited partnerships which are listed on a regulated stock exchange or automated quotation system pursuant to this subdivision; and provided further that the provisions of this subdivision shall not require reporting of any interest in any qualified plan or annuity pursuant to the Employees' Retirement Income Security Act;

(6) The name and address of each corporation for which such person served in the capacity of a director, officer or receiver;

(7) The name and address of each not-for-profit corporation and each association, organization, or union, whether incorporated or not, except not-for-profit 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:

(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

(c) Paid by persons related by the third degree of consanguinity or affinity to the person filing the statement; or
(d) Expenses which are reported by the campaign committee or candidate committee of the person filing the statement pursuant to the provisions of chapter 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:

(a) Is employed by the state of Missouri, by a political subdivision of the 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;

(12) The name and address of each campaign committee, political committee, candidate committee, or continuing committee for which such person or any corporation listed on such person's financial interest statement received 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:

(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;

(2) The chief administrative officer and chief purchasing officer of such
political subdivision shall disclose in writing the information described in
 subdivisions (1), (2) and (6) of subsection 2 of this section;
Disclosure of such other financial interests applicable to officials, officers and employees of the political subdivision, as may be required by the ordinance or resolution;

(4) Duplicate disclosure reports made pursuant to this subsection shall be filed with the commission and the governing body of the political subdivision. The clerk of such governing body shall maintain such disclosure reports available for public inspection and copying during normal business hours.

5. The name and employer of dependent children under twenty-one 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 section, any registered voter of this state may vote by absentee ballot for all candidates and issues for which such voter would be eligible to vote at the polling place if such voter expects to be prevented from going to the polls to vote on election day due to:

(1) Absence on election day from the jurisdiction of the election authority in which such voter is registered to vote;

(2) Incapacity or confinement due to illness or physical disability, including a person who is primarily responsible for the physical care of a person who is incapacitated or confined due to illness or disability;

(3) Religious belief or practice;

(4) Employment as an election authority, as a member of an election authority, or by an election authority at a location other than such voter's polling place;

(5) Incarceration, provided all qualifications for voting are retained;

(6) Certified participation in the address confidentiality program established under sections 589.660 to 589.681 because of safety concerns; or

(7) For an election that occurs during the year 2020, the voter has contracted or is in an at-risk category for contracting or transmitting severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2. This subdivision shall expire on December 31, 2020.
2. Any covered voter[, as defined in section 115.275,] who is eligible to
register and vote in this state may vote in any election for federal office,
statewide office, state legislative office, or statewide ballot initiatives by
submitting a federal postcard application to apply to vote by absentee ballot or
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
voter pursuant to this subsection shall also serve as a voter registration
application under section 115.908 and the election authority shall, if satisfied
that the applicant is entitled to register, place the voter's name on the voter
registration file. Each covered voter may vote by absentee ballot or, upon
submitting an affidavit that the person is qualified to vote in the election, may
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:

(1) Are sixty-five years of age or older;
(2) Live in a long-term care facility licensed under chapter 198;
(3) Have chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma;
(4) Have serious heart conditions;
(5) Are immunocompromised;
(6) Have diabetes;
(7) Have chronic kidney disease and are undergoing dialysis; or
(8) Have liver disease.

115.283. 1. Each ballot envelope shall bear a statement on which the
t voter shall state the voter’s name, the voter’s voting address, the voter’s mailing
address and the voter's reason for voting an absentee ballot. If the reason for the voter voting absentee is due to the reasons established under subdivision (6) of subsection 1 of section 115.277, the voter shall state the voter's identification information provided by the address confidentiality program in lieu of the applicant's name, voting address, and mailing address. On the form, the voter shall also state under penalties of perjury that the voter is qualified to vote in the election, that the voter has not previously voted and will not vote again in the election, that the voter has personally marked the voter's ballot in secret or supervised the marking of the voter's ballot if the voter is unable to mark it, that the ballot has been placed in the ballot envelope and sealed by the voter or under the voter's supervision if the voter is unable to seal it, and that all information contained in the statement is true. In addition, any person providing assistance to the absentee voter shall include a statement on the envelope identifying the person providing assistance under penalties of perjury. Persons authorized to vote only for federal and statewide officers shall also state their former Missouri residence.

2. The statement for persons voting absentee ballots who are registered voters shall be in substantially the following form:

State of Missouri
County (City) of _____
I, _____ (print name), a registered voter of _____ County (City of St. Louis, Kansas City), declare under the penalties of perjury that I expect to be prevented from going to the polls on election day due to (check one):

_____ absence on election day from the jurisdiction of the election authority in which I am registered;
_____ incapacity or confinement due to illness or physical disability, including caring for a person who is incapacitated or confined due to illness or disability;
_____ religious belief or practice;
_____ employment as an election authority or by an election authority at a location other than my polling place;
_____ incarceration, although I have retained all the necessary qualifications for voting;
_____ certified participation in the address confidentiality
I hereby state under penalties of perjury that I am qualified to vote at this election; I have not voted and will not vote other than by this ballot at this election. I further state that I marked the enclosed ballot in secret or that I am blind, unable to read or write English, or physically incapable of marking the ballot, and the person of my choosing indicated below marked the ballot at my direction; all of the information on this statement is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true.

____________________________  __________________________
Signature of Voter             Signature of Person

Assisting Voter (if applicable)

Signed _____  Subscribed and sworn to before me this
Signed _____  _____ day of _____, ______
Address of Voter

____________________________  __________________________
Date of vote by voter

Mailing addresses  Signature of notary or other officer
(if different)  authorized to administer oaths

3. The statement for persons voting absentee ballots pursuant to the provisions of subsection 2, 3, 4, or 5 of section 115.277 without being registered shall be in substantially the following form:

State of Missouri

County (City) of _____

I, _____ (print name), declare under the penalties of perjury that I am a citizen of the United States and eighteen years of age or older. I am not adjudged incapacitated by any court of law, and if I have been convicted of a felony or of a misdemeanor connected with the right of suffrage, I have had the voting disabilities resulting from such conviction removed pursuant to law. I hereby state under penalties of perjury that I am qualified to vote at this election.
I am (check one):

____ a resident of the state of Missouri and a registered voter in ______ County and moved from that county to ______ County, Missouri, after the last day to register to vote in this election.

____ an interstate former resident of Missouri and authorized to vote for presidential and vice presidential electors.

I further state under penalties of perjury that I have not voted and will not vote other than by this ballot at this election; I marked the enclosed ballot in secret or am blind, unable to read or write English, or physically incapable of marking the ballot, and the person of my choosing indicated below marked the ballot at my direction; all of the information on this statement is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true.

__________________________
Signature of Voter

__________________________
Subscribed to and sworn before me this ______ day of ______, ______

__________________________
Address of Voter

__________________________
Signature of notary or other officer authorized to administer oaths

__________________________
Mailing Address (if different)

__________________________
Signature of Person

__________________________
Address of Last Missouri Residence

__________________________
Assisting Voter

4. The statement for persons voting absentee ballots who are entitled to vote at the election pursuant to the provisions of subsection 2 of section 115.137 shall be in substantially the following form:

State of Missouri

County (City) of ______
I, ______ (print name), declare under the penalties of perjury that I expect to be prevented from going to the polls on election day due to (check one):

_____ absence on election day from the jurisdiction of the election authority in which I am directed to vote;

_____ incapacity or confinement due to illness or physical disability, including caring for a person who is incapacitated or confined due to illness or disability;

_____ religious belief or practice;

_____ employment as an election authority or by an election authority at a location other than my polling place;

_____ incarceration, although I have retained all the necessary qualifications of voting;

_____ certified participation in the address confidentiality program established under sections 589.660 to 589.681 because of safety concerns.

I hereby state under penalties of perjury that I own property in the _____ district and am qualified to vote at this election; I have not voted and will not vote other than by this ballot at this election. I further state that I marked the enclosed ballot in secret or that I am blind, unable to read and write English, or physically incapable of marking the ballot, and the person of my choosing indicated below marked the ballot at my direction; all of the information on this statement is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true.

_____________ Signature of Voter

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, _____

_____________ Address

Signature of notary or other officer authorized to administer oaths

_____________ Signature of Person
Assisting Voter
(if applicable)

5. The statement for persons providing assistance to absentee voters shall be in substantially the following form:

The voter needed assistance in marking the ballot and signing above, because of blindness, other physical disability, or inability to read or to read English. I marked the ballot enclosed in this 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 she was to vote. The voter swore or affirmed the voter affidavit above and I then signed the voter's name and completed the other voter information above. Signed under the penalties of perjury.

Reason why voter needed assistance: _____

ASSISTING PERSON SIGN HERE

1. _____ (signature of assisting person)
2. _____ (assisting person's name printed)
3. _____ (assisting person's residence)
4. _____ (assisting person's home city or town).

6. The election authority shall, for an election held during 2020, adjust the forms described in this section to account for voters voting absentee due to the reason established pursuant to subdivision (7) of subsection 1 of section 115.277.

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 permanently disabled pursuant to section 115.284, otherwise entitled to vote, shall not be required to obtain a notary seal or signature on his or her absentee ballot.

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 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 absentee is due to the reasons established pursuant to subdivision (2) or (7) of subsection 1 of section 115.277.

9. No notary shall charge or collect a fee for notarizing the signature on any absentee ballot or absentee voter registration.

10. A notary public who charges more than the maximum fee
183 specified or who charges or collects a fee for notarizing the signature on any
184 absentee ballot or absentee voter registration is guilty of official misconduct.

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

115.291. 1. Upon receiving an absentee ballot by mail, the voter shall
2 mark the ballot in secret, place the ballot in the ballot envelope, seal the envelope
3 and fill out the statement on the ballot envelope. The affidavit of each person
4 voting an absentee ballot shall be subscribed and sworn to before the election
5 official receiving the ballot, a notary public or other officer authorized by law to
6 administer oaths, unless the voter is voting absentee due to incapacity or
7 confinement due to the provisions of section 115.284, illness or physical disability,
8 for an election that occurs during the year 2020, the voter has
9 contracted or is in an at-risk category for contracting or transmitting
10 severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2, as defined in section
11 115.277, or the voter is a covered voter as defined in section 115.902. If the voter
12 is blind, unable to read or write the English language, or physically incapable of
13 voting the ballot, the voter may be assisted by a person of the voter's own
14 choosing. Any person assisting a voter who is not entitled to such assistance, and
15 any person who assists a voter and in any manner coerces or initiates a request
16 or a suggestion that the voter vote for or against or refrain from voting on any
17 question, ticket or candidate, shall be guilty of a class one election offense. If,
18 upon counting, challenge or election contest, it is ascertained that any absentee
19 ballot was voted with unlawful assistance, the ballot shall be rejected. For
20 purposes of this subsection, the voters who are in an at-risk category
21 for contracting or transmitting severe acute respiratory syndrome
22 coronavirus 2 are voters who:
(1) Sixty-five years of age or older;
(2) Live in a long-term care facility licensed under chapter 198;
(3) Have chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma;
(4) Have serious heart conditions;
(5) Are immunocompromised;
(6) Have diabetes;
(7) Have chronic kidney disease and are undergoing dialysis; or
(8) Have liver disease.

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
be returned to the election authority in the ballot envelope and shall only be
returned by the voter in person, or in person by a relative of the voter who is
within the second degree of consanguinity or affinity, by mail or registered carrier
or by a team of deputy election authorities; except that covered voters, when sent
from a location determined by the secretary of state to be inaccessible on election
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
electronic transmission of election materials.

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.

4. No election authority shall refuse to accept and process any otherwise
valid marked absentee ballot submitted in any manner by a covered voter solely
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.

2. Each application for a mail-in-ballot shall be made to the
election authority of the jurisdiction in which the person is
registered. Each application shall be in writing and shall state the applicant's name, address at which he or she is registered, the address 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 signature of an election official or person of his or her choice. Knowingly making, delivering, or mailing a fraudulent mail-in-ballot 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, any person providing assistance to the mail-in voter shall include a signature on the envelope identifying the person providing such assistance under penalties of perjury. Persons authorized to vote only for federal and statewide offices shall also state their former Missouri residence.

7. The statement for persons voting mail-in ballots who are registered voters shall be in substantially the following form:
State of Missouri

County (City) of ____

I, ____ (print name), a registered voter of ____ County
(City of St. Louis, Kansas City), declare under the penalties of perjury that: I am qualified to vote at this election; I have not voted and will not vote other than by this ballot at this election. I further state that I marked the enclosed ballot in secret or that I am blind, unable to read or write English, or physically incapable of marking the ballot, and the person of my choosing indicated below marked the ballot at my direction; all of the information on this statement is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true.

__________________  __________________
Signature of Voter    Signature of Person
Assisting Voter
(If applicable)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ______
day of _____, ___.

__________________
Signature of notary or other officer authorized to administer oaths.

__________________

Mailing Addresses
(If different)

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 application is received, within five working days after such ballots become available, deliver to the voter a mail-in ballot, ballot envelope 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
a complaint with the elections division of the secretary of state's office under section 115.219.

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".

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.

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, 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 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.

14. All votes on each mail-in ballot received by an election authority at or before the time fixed by law for the closing of the polls on election day shall be counted. No votes on any mail-in ballot received by an election authority after the time fixed by law for the closing of the polls on election day shall be counted.
15. If sufficient evidence is shown to an election authority that any mail-in voter has died prior to the opening of the polls on election 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 envelope, shall be sealed with the application and any other papers connected therewith in an envelope marked "Rejected ballot of ____ , a mail-in voter of ____ voting district". The reason for rejection shall be noted on the envelope, which shall be kept by the election authority with the other ballots from the election until the ballots are destroyed according to law.

16. As each mail-in ballot is received by the election authority, the election authority shall indicate its receipt on the list.

17. All mail-in ballot envelopes received by the election authority shall be kept together in a safe place and shall not be opened except as 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.

19. The false execution of a mail-in ballot is a class one election offense. The attorney general or any prosecuting or circuit attorney shall have the authority to prosecute such offense either in the county of residence of the person or in the circuit court of Cole County.

20. The provisions of this section shall apply only to an election that occurs during the year 2020, to avoid the risk of contracting or transmitting severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2.

21. The provisions of this section terminate and shall be repealed on December 31, 2020, and shall not apply to any election conducted 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;
(2) To the treasurer of the county central committee, fifty one hundred 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:

DECLARATION OF INABILITY TO PAY FILING FEE

I, ______, do hereby swear that I am financially unable to pay the fee of ______ (amount of fee) to file as a candidate for nomination to the office of ______ at the primary election to be held on the _____ day of ______, 20______.

Signature of candidate

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of ______, 20______.

Signature of election official or officer authorized to administer oaths

Residence address

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
of indigence is to be a candidate for statewide office, his petition shall be signed 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 election in which a candidate ran for the office. If the person filing a declaration of indigence is to be a candidate for any other office, the petition shall be signed by the number of registered voters in the district or political subdivision which is equal to at least one percent of the total number of votes cast for the office at the last election in which a candidate ran for the office. The candidate's declaration of inability to pay and the petition shall be filed at the same time and in the same manner as his declaration of candidacy is filed. The petition shall be checked and its sufficiency determined in the same manner as new party and 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.

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 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 classification, the county courthouse shall be made available for such meetings 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 available for such meetings and any other city political party meeting at no charge to the party committees. At the meeting, each 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.

3. The members of each congressional district committee shall meet at
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
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
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 within the judicial district or within one of the counties in which the judicial 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 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 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 judicial 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.

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 penalty of perjury.

2. Within thirty days of receiving a complaint, the secretary of state shall notify the person filing the complaint whether or not the secretary has dismissed the complaint or will commence an investigation. The secretary of state shall dismiss frivolous complaints. For purposes of this subsection, "frivolous complaint" shall mean an allegation clearly lacking any basis in fact or law. Any person who makes a frivolous complaint pursuant to this section shall be liable for actual and compensatory damages to the alleged violator for holding the alleged violator before the public in a false light. If reasonable grounds appear 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
15 statement, he or she may refer the offense to the appropriate prosecuting
16 attorney.
17 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 27.060, 56.060, or 56.430 to
18 the contrary, when requested by the prosecuting attorney or circuit attorney, the
19 secretary of state or his or her authorized representatives may aid any
20 prosecuting attorney or circuit attorney in the commencement and prosecution of
21 election offenses as provided in sections 115.629 to 115.646.
22 4. (1) The secretary of state may investigate any suspected violation of
23 any of the provisions of sections 115.629 to 115.646.
24 (2) The secretary of state or an authorized representative of
25 the secretary of state shall have the power to require the production of
26 books, papers, correspondence, memoranda, contracts, agreements, and
27 other records by subpoena or otherwise when necessary to conduct an
28 investigation under this section. Such powers shall be exercised only
29 at the specific written direction of the secretary of state or his or her
30 chief deputy.
31 (b) If any person refuses to comply with a subpoena issued under
32 this subsection, the secretary of state may seek to enforce the subpoena
33 before a court of competent jurisdiction to require the production of
34 books, papers, correspondence, memoranda, contracts, agreements, and
35 other records. The court may issue an order requiring the person to
36 produce records relating to the matter under investigation or in
37 question. Any person who fails to comply with the order may be held
38 in contempt of court.
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
recalled; and

(5) The election is an issue election at which all of the qualified voters of 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:

(1) Receipt of payment to the state committee of the established political party on whose ballot the candidate wishes to appear of a filing fee of $5,000; or

(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 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 specified established political party for the presidential preference primary. The request to be included on the presidential primary ballot shall include each signer's printed name, registered address and signature and shall be in substantially the following form:

I (We) the undersigned, do hereby request that the name of ______ be placed upon the February ______, ______, presidential primary ballot as candidate for nomination as the nominee for President of the United States on the _____ party ticket.

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
such candidate's name stricken from the presidential primary ballot by filing with
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
authorized by law to administer oaths, requesting that such candidate's name not
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
section 115.758 or in the certified list of candidates transmitted pursuant to
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
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.