

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. _____

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Amend SS/House Bill No. 850, Page 3, Section 115.121, Line 26,

2 by inserting after all of said line the following:

3 "115.151. 1. Each qualified applicant who appears
4 before the election authority shall be deemed registered as
5 of the time the applicant's completed, signed and sworn
6 registration application is witnessed by the election
7 authority or deputy registration official.

8 2. Each applicant who registers by mail shall be
9 deemed to be registered as of the date the application is
10 postmarked, if such application is accepted and not rejected
11 by the election authority and the verification notice
12 required pursuant to section 115.155 is not returned as
13 undeliverable by the postal service.

14 3. Each applicant who registers at a voter
15 registration agency or the division of motor vehicle and
16 drivers licensing of the department of revenue shall be
17 deemed to be registered as of the date the application is
18 signed by the applicant, if such application is accepted and
19 not rejected by the election authority and the verification
20 notice required pursuant to section 115.155 is not returned
21 as undeliverable by the postal service. Voter registration
22 agencies [and the division of motor vehicle and drivers
23 licensing of the department of revenue] shall transmit voter
24 registration application forms to the appropriate election
25 authority not later than five business days after the form
26 is completed by the applicant. The division of motor

27 vehicle and drivers licensing of the department of revenue
28 shall transmit voter registration application forms to the
29 appropriate election authority not later than three business
30 days after the form is completed by the applicant.

31 115.160. 1. All Missouri driver's license applicants
32 shall receive a voter registration application form as a
33 simultaneous part of the application for a driver's license,
34 renewal of driver's license, change of address, duplicate
35 request and a nondriver's license. The director of revenue
36 shall utilize electronic voter registration application
37 forms and provide for secure electronic transfer of voter
38 registration information to election authorities. The
39 secretary of state and the director of revenue shall ensure
40 the confidentiality and integrity of the voter registration
41 data collected, maintained, received, or transmitted under
42 this section.

43 2. If a single application form is used, the voter
44 registration application portion of any application
45 described in subsection 1 of this section may not require
46 any information that duplicates information required in the
47 driver's license portion of the form, except a second
48 signature or other information required by law.

49 3. After conferring with the secretary of state as the
50 chief state election official responsible for overseeing of
51 the voter registration process, the director of revenue
52 shall adopt rules and regulations pertaining to the format
53 of the voter registration application used by the
54 department.

55 4. No information relating to the failure of an
56 applicant for a driver's license or nondriver's license to
57 sign a voter registration application may be used for any
58 purpose other than voter registration.

59 5. Any voter registration application received
60 pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be
61 forwarded, in a secure and electronic manner, to the
62 election authority located within that county or any city
63 not within a county, or if there is more than one election
64 authority within the county, then to the election authority
65 located nearest to the location where the driver's license
66 application was received. Voter registration information,
67 including an electronic image of the signature of the
68 applicant, shall be transmitted in a format compatible with
69 the Missouri voter registration system established in
70 section 115.158 which allows for review by the election
71 authority and does not require the election authority to
72 manually reenter the information, provided that the election
73 authority shall print out a paper copy of the information
74 and retain such information in the manner required by
75 section 115.145. The election authority receiving the
76 application forms shall review the applications and forward,
77 in a secure and electronic manner, any applications
78 pertaining to a different election authority to that
79 election authority.

80 6. A completed voter registration application accepted
81 in the driver's licensing process shall be transmitted to
82 the election authority described in subsection 5 of this
83 section not later than five business days after the form is
84 completed by the applicant.

85 7. Any person registering to vote when applying for or
86 renewing a Missouri driver's license shall submit with the
87 application form a copy of a birth certificate, a Native
88 American tribal document, or other proof of United States
89 citizenship, a valid Missouri driver's license, or other
90 form of personal identification."; and

91 Further amend said bill, page 49, section 115.593, line
92 24, by inserting after all of said line the following:

93 "115.960. 1. An election authority is authorized to
94 accept voter registration applications with a signature
95 submitted to the election authority under the provisions of
96 sections 432.200 to 432.295 as provided in this section:

97 (1) Sections 432.200 to 432.295 shall only apply to
98 transactions between parties that have agreed to conduct
99 transactions by electronic means;

100 (2) Except as provided in subsection 2 of this
101 section, as used in this section and sections 432.200 to
102 432.295, the parties who agree to conduct voter registration
103 transactions by electronic means shall be the local election
104 authority who is required to accept or reject a voter
105 registration application and the prospective voter
106 submitting the application;

107 (3) A local election authority is authorized to
108 develop, maintain, and approve systems that transmit voter
109 registration applications electronically under sections
110 432.200 to 432.295;

111 (4) Except as provided in subsection 2 of this section
112 and section 115.160, no officer, agency, or organization
113 shall collect or submit a voter registration application
114 with an electronic signature to an election authority
115 without first obtaining approval of the data and signature
116 format from the local election authority and the approval of
117 the voter to collect and store the signature and data; and

118 (5) Local election authorities who maintain a voter
119 registration application system shall direct voter
120 registration applicants from other jurisdictions to the
121 system used by the local election authority for that
122 jurisdiction to accept voter registration applications
123 electronically.

124 2. A system maintained by the secretary of state's
125 office shall be used to accept voter registration
126 applications electronically subsequent to approval from the
127 committee formed as set forth in this subsection:

128 (1) Within thirty days of, but in no event prior to
129 January 1, 2017, the president of the Missouri Association
130 of County Clerks and Election Authorities shall appoint
131 fourteen of its members to serve on a committee to approve
132 and develop uniform standards, systems, and modifications
133 that shall be used by the secretary of state in any
134 electronic voter registration application system offered by
135 that office. The committee may also make recommendations
136 regarding the purchase, maintenance, integration, and
137 operation of electronic databases, software, and hardware
138 used by local election authorities and the secretary of
139 state's office including, but not limited to, systems used
140 for military and overseas voting and for building and
141 conducting election operations. The committee shall have
142 fourteen local election authorities, including
143 representatives of each classification of counties, a
144 representative from an election board, and at least one
145 member who has experience processing online voter
146 registration transactions. In addition, one representative
147 appointed by the secretary of state's office shall serve on
148 the committee;

149 (2) The committee shall immediately meet to approve
150 electronic signature formats and a minimum set of data
151 collection standards for use in a voter registration
152 application system maintained by the secretary of state;

153 (3) Once the format and data collection standards are
154 approved by the committee and implemented for the system
155 maintained by the secretary of state, local election
156 authorities shall accept the transmission of voter

157 registration applications submitted to the approved system
158 under the provisions of sections 432.200 to 432.295;

159 (4) The secretary of state's office shall direct
160 eligible voters to a local election authority's system to
161 accept voter registration applications electronically if the
162 local election authority has a system in place as of August
163 28, 2016, or implements a system that meets the same
164 standards and format that has been approved by the committee
165 for the secretary of state's system;

166 (5) The committee shall meet not less than
167 semiannually through June 30, 2019, to recommend and approve
168 changes and enhancements proposed by the secretary of state
169 or election authorities to the electronic voter registration
170 application system. Vacancies that occur on the committee
171 shall be filled by the president of the Missouri Association
172 of County Clerks and Election Authorities at the time of the
173 vacancy;

174 (6) To improve the accuracy of voter registration
175 application data and reduce costs for local election
176 authorities, the system maintained by the secretary of state
177 shall, as soon as is practical, provide a method where the
178 data entered by the voter registration applicant does not
179 have to be re-entered by the election authority to the state
180 voter registration database.

181 3. Each applicant who registers using an approved
182 electronic voter registration application system shall be
183 deemed to be registered as of the date the signed
184 application is submitted to the system, if such application
185 is accepted and not rejected by the election authority and
186 the verification notice required under section 115.155 is
187 not returned as undeliverable by the postal service.

188 4. This section shall not apply to voter registration
189 and absentee records submitted by voters authorized under

190 federal law, section 115.291, or sections 115.900 to 115.936
191 to submit electronic records and signatures.

192 5. High quality copies, including electronic copies,
193 of signatures made on paper documents may be used for
194 petition signature verification purposes and retained as
195 records.

196 6. Any signature required for petition submission
197 under chapter 116 shall be handwritten on a paper document.

198 7. [Notwithstanding the provisions of section 432.230]
199 Except as provided under sections 115.160 and 432.230,
200 nothing in this section shall require the election authority
201 to accept voter registration records or signatures created,
202 generated, sent, communicated, received, stored, or
203 otherwise processed, or used by electronic means or in
204 electronic form from any officer, agency, or organization
205 not authorized under subsection 2 of this section without
206 prior approval from the election authority. Election
207 authorities shall accept and process voter registration
208 records, including electronic images of applicant
209 signatures, transmitted electronically by the division of
210 motor vehicle and drivers licensing of the department of
211 revenue under section 115.160. Except as provided in
212 subsection 2 of this section and section 115.160, no
213 officer, agency, or organization shall give the voter the
214 opportunity to submit a voter registration application with
215 an electronic signature without first obtaining the approval
216 of the local election authority.

217 8. An election authority that agrees to conduct a
218 transaction by electronic means may refuse to conduct other
219 transactions by electronic means.

220 9. No election authority or the secretary of state
221 shall furnish to any member of the public any data collected

222 under a voter registration application system except as
223 authorized in subsections 1 to 5 of section 115.157.

224 10. Nothing in this section shall be construed to
225 require the secretary of state to cease operating a voter
226 registration application in place as of the effective date
227 of this act."; and

228 Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.