

SENATE BILL NO. 670

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR WHITE.

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 115.013, 115.031, 115.045, 115.051, 115.081, 115.085, 115.105, 115.107, 115.151, 115.157, 115.160, 115.205, 115.225, 115.237, 115.257, 115.275, 115.277, 115.279, 115.283, 115.285, 115.287, 115.291, 115.302, 115.417, 115.427, 115.435, 115.447, 115.652, 115.902, and 115.960, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof thirty-two new sections relating to elections, with penalty provisions.

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

Section A. Sections 115.013, 115.031, 115.045, 115.051, 2 115.081, 115.085, 115.105, 115.107, 115.151, 115.157, 115.160, 3 115.205, 115.225, 115.237, 115.257, 115.275, 115.277, 115.279, 4 115.283, 115.285, 115.287, 115.291, 115.302, 115.417, 115.427, 5 115.435, 115.447, 115.652, 115.902, and 115.960, RSMo, are 6 repealed and thirty-two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, 7 to be known as sections 28.960, 115.004, 115.013, 115.031, 8 115.045, 115.051, 115.081, 115.085, 115.105, 115.107, 115.151, 9 115.157, 115.160, 115.205, 115.225, 115.237, 115.257, 115.275, 10 115.277, 115.279, 115.283, 115.285, 115.286, 115.287, 115.291, 11 115.417, 115.427, 115.435, 115.447, 115.652, 115.902, and 12 115.960, to read as follows:

28.960. 1. The secretary of state shall have the
2 **authority to, at his or her discretion, audit the list of**
3 **registered voters for any local election authority to ensure**
4 **accuracy.**

5 **2. Any audit conducted by the secretary of state**
6 **shall, at minimum, determine whether the local election**

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

7 authority has performed the following voter registration
8 list maintenance activities, as required by law:

9 (1) Sending verification notices in accordance with
10 section 115.155; and

11 (2) Registering voters and removing names from the
12 voter registration system in accordance with section 115.158.

13 3. If, after completing the audit, the secretary of
14 state determines that the local election authority has not
15 performed the required maintenance of voter registration
16 lists as required by law, the secretary of state's office
17 may withhold funds from the local election authority.

115.004. The sections of this chapter and all related
2 rules and regulations shall not be amended or modified in
3 any manner in the twenty-six weeks preceding a presidential
4 election.

115.013. As used in this chapter, unless the context
2 clearly implies otherwise, the following terms mean:

3 (1) "Automatic tabulating equipment", the apparatus
4 necessary to examine and automatically count votes, and the
5 data processing machines which are used for counting votes
6 and tabulating results **and is air gapped and not connected**
7 **to a network;**

8 (2) "Ballot", the [ballot card,] paper ballot, or
9 ballot designed for use with an electronic voting system on
10 which each voter may cast all votes to which he or she is
11 entitled at an election;

12 (3) ["Ballot card", a ballot which is voted by making
13 a mark which can be tabulated by automatic tabulating
14 equipment;

15 (4)] "Ballot label", the card, paper, booklet, page,
16 or other material containing the names of all offices and
17 candidates and statements of all questions to be voted on;

18 [(5)] (4) "Counting location", a location selected by
19 the election authority for the automatic processing or
20 counting, or both, of ballots;

21 [(6)] (5) "County", any county in this state or any
22 city not within a county;

23 [(7)] (6) "Disqualified", a determination made by a
24 court of competent jurisdiction, the Missouri ethics
25 commission, an election authority or any other body
26 authorized by law to make such a determination that a
27 candidate is ineligible to hold office or not entitled to be
28 voted on for office;

29 [(8)] (7) "District", an area within the state or
30 within a political subdivision of the state from which a
31 person is elected to represent the area on a policy-making
32 body with representatives of other areas in the state or
33 political subdivision;

34 [(9)] (8) "Electronic voting machine", any part of an
35 electronic voting system on which a voter is able to cast a
36 ballot under this chapter;

37 [(10)] (9) "Electronic voting system", a system of
38 casting votes by use of marking devices, and counting votes
39 by use of automatic tabulating or data processing equipment,
40 including computerized voting systems;

41 [(11)] (10) "Established political party" for the
42 state, a political party which, at either of the last two
43 general elections, polled for its candidate for any
44 statewide office more than two percent of the entire vote
45 cast for the office. "Established political party" for any
46 district or political subdivision shall mean a political
47 party which polled more than two percent of the entire vote
48 cast at either of the last two elections in which the

49 district or political subdivision voted as a unit for the
50 election of officers or representatives to serve its area;

51 [(12)] (11) "Federal office", the office of
52 presidential elector, United States senator, or
53 representative in Congress;

54 [(13)] (12) "Independent", a candidate who is not a
55 candidate of any political party and who is running for an
56 office for which political party candidates may run;

57 [(14)] (13) "Major political party", the political
58 party whose candidates received the highest or second
59 highest number of votes at the last general election;

60 [(15)] (14) "Marking device", any approved device
61 which will enable the votes to be counted by automatic
62 tabulating equipment;

63 [(16)] (15) "Municipal" or "municipality", a city,
64 village, or incorporated town of this state;

65 [(17)] (16) "New party", any political group which has
66 filed a valid petition and is entitled to place its list of
67 candidates on the ballot at the next general or special
68 election;

69 [(18)] (17) "Nonpartisan", a candidate who is not a
70 candidate of any political party and who is running for an
71 office for which party candidates may not run;

72 [(19)] (18) "Political party", any established
73 political party and any new party;

74 [(20)] (19) "Political subdivision", a county, city,
75 town, village, or township of a township organization county;

76 [(21)] (20) "Polling place", the voting place
77 designated for all voters residing in one or more precincts
78 for any election;

79 [(22)] (21) "Precincts", the geographical areas into
80 which the election authority divides its jurisdiction for
81 the purpose of conducting elections;

82 [(23)] (22) "Public office", any office established by
83 constitution, statute or charter and any employment under
84 the United States, the state of Missouri, or any political
85 subdivision or special district thereof, but does not
86 include any office in the Missouri state defense force or
87 the National Guard or the office of notary public or city
88 attorney in cities of the third classification or cities of
89 the fourth classification;

90 [(24)] (23) "Question", any measure on the ballot
91 which can be voted "YES" or "NO";

92 [(25)] (24) "Relative within the second degree by
93 consanguinity or affinity", a spouse, parent, child,
94 grandparent, brother, sister, grandchild, mother-in-law,
95 father-in-law, daughter-in-law, or son-in-law;

96 [(26)] (25) "Special district", any school district,
97 water district, fire protection district, hospital district,
98 health center, nursing district, or other districts with
99 taxing authority, or other district formed pursuant to the
100 laws of Missouri to provide limited, specific services;

101 [(27)] (26) "Special election", elections called by
102 any school district, water district, fire protection
103 district, or other district formed pursuant to the laws of
104 Missouri to provide limited, specific services; and

105 [(28)] (27) "Voting district", the one or more
106 precincts within which all voters vote at a single polling
107 place for any election.

 115.031. Each election commissioner shall be a
2 registered voter and a resident of the jurisdiction for
3 which he is appointed [for at least one year preceding his

4 appointment]. During his term of office, no commissioner
5 shall hold any statutory position within a political party
6 or on a political committee, be a candidate for political
7 office or hold any other public office.

115.045. Each election authority shall have the
2 authority to employ such attorneys and other employees as
3 may be necessary to promptly and correctly perform the
4 duties of the election authority. Where an electronic
5 voting system or voting machines are used, the election
6 authority shall designate competent employees to have
7 custody of and supervise maintenance of the voting
8 equipment. Board of election commissioners' employees shall
9 be subject to the same restrictions and subscribe the same
10 oath as members of the board of election commissioners,
11 except that no employee of a board of election commissioners
12 shall be required to post bond **or reside and be a registered**
13 **voter within the jurisdiction of the election authority**
14 unless directed to do so by the board. Employee oaths and
15 any bonds shall be filed and preserved in the office of the
16 board.

115.051. 1. In each county which does not have a
2 board of election commissioners, the county clerk shall have
3 the right to employ such deputies and assistants as are
4 necessary to promptly and correctly register voters and
5 conduct elections. Where an electronic voting system or
6 voting machines are used, the county clerk shall designate
7 competent employees to have custody of and supervise
8 maintenance of the voting equipment. Each deputy shall be
9 subject to the same restrictions and subscribe the same oath
10 as the county clerk, except that no employee shall be
11 required to post bond **or reside and be a registered voter**
12 **within the jurisdiction of the election authority** unless

13 directed to do so by the clerk. Employee oaths and any
14 bonds shall be filed and preserved in the office of the
15 county clerk.

16 2. Within the total amount for deputies and assistants
17 approved by the county commission, the salary of each deputy
18 and assistant shall be set by the county clerk.

115.081. 1. Each election authority shall appoint
2 election judges for each polling place within its
3 jurisdiction in accordance with the provisions of this
4 section.

5 2. In all primary and general elections, the election
6 authority shall appoint at least two judges from each major
7 political party to serve at each polling place. **The**
8 **committee of each major political party within the**
9 **jurisdiction of an election authority is authorized to**
10 **provide the election authority with a list of election judge**
11 **candidates who meet the requirements under section 115.085.**
12 **The candidates shall not be required to reside within the**
13 **jurisdiction of the election authority, as authorized under**
14 **section 115.085. If a committee of a major political party**
15 **within the jurisdiction of an election authority fails to**
16 **provide the prescribed number of qualified names to fill all**
17 **election judge positions before the date established by the**
18 **election authority, the election authority may select judges**
19 **to fill the positions as provided by law. If the election**
20 **authority determines that a name submitted by a committee of**
21 **a major political party is not qualified to serve as an**
22 **election judge, the election authority shall allow the party**
23 **to submit another name before filling the position as**
24 **provided by law. No major political party shall have a**
25 majority of the judges at any polling place. No established

26 party shall have a greater number of judges at any polling
27 place than any major political party.

28 3. In any election that is not a primary or general
29 election, the election authority shall appoint at least one
30 judge from each major political party to serve at each
31 polling place. No major political party shall have a
32 majority of the judges at any polling place. No established
33 party shall have a greater number of judges at any polling
34 place than any major political party.

35 4. The election authority shall designate two of the
36 judges appointed for each polling place, one from each major
37 political party, as supervisory judges. Supervisory judges
38 shall be responsible for the return of election supplies
39 from the polling place to the election authority and shall
40 have any additional duties prescribed by the election
41 authority.

42 5. Election judges may be employed to serve for the
43 first half or last half of any election day. Such judges
44 shall be paid one-half the regular rate of pay. If part-
45 time judges are employed, the election authority shall
46 employ such judges and shall see that a sufficient number
47 for each period are present at all times so as to have the
48 proper total number of judges present at each polling place
49 throughout each election day. The election authority shall
50 require that at each polling place at least one election
51 judge from each political party serve a full day and that at
52 all times during the day there be an equal number of
53 election judges from each political party.

54 6. An election authority may appoint additional
55 election judges representing other established political
56 parties and additional election judges who do not claim a
57 political affiliation. Any question which requires a

58 decision by the majority of judges shall only be made by the
59 judges from the major political parties.

115.085. No person shall be appointed to serve as an
2 election judge who is not a registered voter in this state[;
3 provided that, before any election authority may appoint
4 judges who are registered voters of another election
5 authority's jurisdiction, the election authority shall
6 obtain the written consent of the election authority for the
7 jurisdiction where the prospective judges are registered to
8 vote]. Each election judge shall be a person of good repute
9 and character who can speak, read, and write the English
10 language. No person shall serve as an election judge at any
11 polling place in which his or her name or the name of a
12 relative within the second degree, by consanguinity or
13 affinity, appears on the ballot. However, no relative of
14 any unopposed candidate shall be disqualified from serving
15 as an election judge in any election jurisdiction of the
16 state. No election judge shall, during his or her term of
17 office, hold any other elective public office, other than as
18 a member of a political party committee or township office,
19 except any person who is elected to a board or commission of
20 a political subdivision or special district may serve as an
21 election judge except at a polling place where such
22 political subdivision or special district has an issue or
23 candidate on the ballot. In any county having a population
24 of less than two hundred fifty thousand inhabitants, any
25 candidate for the county committee of a political party who
26 is not a candidate for any other office and who is unopposed
27 for election as a member of the committee shall not be
28 disqualified from serving as an election judge.

115.105. 1. The chair of the county committee of each
2 political party named on the ballot shall have the right to

3 designate a challenger for each polling place, who may be
4 present until all ballots are cast on the day of election,
5 and a challenger for each location at which absentee ballots
6 are counted, who may be present while the ballots are being
7 prepared for counting and counted. No later than four
8 business days before the election, the chair of each county
9 committee of each political party named on the ballot shall
10 provide signed official designation forms with the names of
11 the designated challengers and substitutes to the local
12 election authority for confirmation of eligibility to serve
13 as a challenger. The local election authority, after
14 verifying the eligibility of each designated and substitute
15 challenger, shall sign off on the official designation
16 forms, unless the challenger is found not to have the
17 qualifications established by subsection 5 of this section.
18 If the election authority determines that a challenger does
19 not meet the qualifications of subsection 5 of this section,
20 the designating party chair may designate a replacement
21 challenger and provide the local election authority with the
22 name of the replacement challenger before 5:00 p.m. of the
23 Monday preceding the election. The designating chair may
24 substitute challengers at his or her discretion during such
25 hours.

26 2. Challenges may only be made when the challenger
27 believes the election laws of this state have been or will
28 be violated, and each challenger shall report any such
29 belief to the election judges, or to the election authority
30 if not satisfied with the decision of the election judges.

31 3. Prior to the close of the polls, challengers may
32 list and give out the names of those who have voted. The
33 listing and giving out of names of those who have voted by a

34 challenger shall not be considered giving information
35 tending to show the state of the count.

36 4. In a presidential primary election, challengers may
37 collect information about the party ballot selected by the
38 voter and may disclose party affiliation information after
39 the polls close.

40 5. All persons selected as challengers shall have the
41 same qualifications required by section 115.085 for election
42 judges[, except that such challenger shall be a registered
43 voter in the jurisdiction of the election authority for
44 which the challenger is designated as a challenger].

45 6. Any challenge by a challenger to a voter's
46 identification for validity shall be made only to the
47 election judges or other election authority. If the poll
48 challenger is not satisfied with the decision of the
49 election judges, then he or she may report his or her belief
50 that the election laws of this state have been or will be
51 violated to the election authority as allowed under this
52 section.

115.107. 1. At every election, the chairman of the
2 county committee of each political party named on the ballot
3 shall have the right to designate a watcher for each place
4 votes are counted. **The watcher shall not be required to
5 reside within the jurisdiction of the election authority.
6 If the election authority determines that a name submitted
7 by a committee of a political party is not qualified to
8 serve as watcher, the election authority shall allow the
9 committee to submit another name.**

10 2. Watchers are to observe the counting of the votes
11 and present any complaint of irregularity or law violation
12 to the election judges, or to the election authority if not

13 satisfied with the decision of the election judges. No
14 watcher may be substituted for another on election day.

15 3. No watcher shall report to anyone the name of any
16 person who has or has not voted.

17 4. A watcher may remain present until all closing
18 certification forms are completed, all equipment is closed
19 and taken down, the transportation case for the ballots is
20 sealed, election materials are returned to the election
21 authority or to the designated collection place for a
22 polling place, and any other duties or procedures required
23 under sections 115.447 to 115.491 are completed. A watcher
24 may also remain present at each location at which absentee
25 ballots are counted and may remain present while such
26 ballots are being prepared for counting and counted.

27 5. All persons selected as watchers shall have the
28 same qualifications required by section 115.085 for election
29 judges[, except that such watcher shall be a registered
30 voter in the jurisdiction of the election authority for
31 which the watcher is designated as a watcher].

32 **6. A candidate may select his or her own watchers at**
33 **his or her own expense, provided that the watchers meet the**
34 **other requirements of this section.**

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

6 2. Each applicant who registers by mail shall be
7 deemed to be registered as of the date the application is
8 postmarked, if such application is accepted and not rejected
9 by the election authority and the verification notice

10 required pursuant to section 115.155 is not returned as
11 undeliverable by the postal service.

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

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

- 14 (1) Voter identification number;
- 15 (2) First name;
- 16 (3) Middle initial;
- 17 (4) Last name;
- 18 (5) Suffix;
- 19 (6) Street number;
- 20 (7) Street direction;
- 21 (8) Street name;
- 22 (9) Street suffix;
- 23 (10) Apartment number;
- 24 (11) City;
- 25 (12) State;
- 26 (13) Zip code;
- 27 (14) Township;
- 28 (15) Ward;
- 29 (16) Precinct;
- 30 (17) Senatorial district;
- 31 (18) Representative district;
- 32 (19) Congressional district.

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

41 3. Except as provided in subsection 6 of this section,
42 the election authority shall furnish, for a fee, electronic
43 media or a printout showing **only** the names, **[dates]** **years** of
44 birth and addresses of voters, or any part thereof, within
45 the jurisdiction of the election authority who voted in any

46 specific election, including primary elections, by township,
47 ward or precinct, provided that nothing in this chapter
48 shall require such voter information to be released to the
49 public over the internet. **Any such electronic media or**
50 **printout shall not be used for commercial purposes.**

51 4. [Except as provided in subsection 6 of this section,
52 upon a request by a candidate, a duly authorized
53 representative of a campaign committee, or a political party
54 committee, the secretary of state shall furnish, for a fee
55 determined by the secretary of state and in compliance with
56 section 610.026, media in an electronic format or, if so
57 requested, in a printed format, showing the names,
58 addresses, and voter identification numbers of voters within
59 the jurisdiction of a specific election authority who
60 applied for an absentee ballot under section 115.279 for any
61 specific election involving a ballot measure or an office
62 for which the declaration of candidacy is required to be
63 filed with the secretary of state pursuant to section
64 115.353, including primary elections, by township, ward, or
65 precinct. Nothing in this section shall require such voter
66 information to be released to the public over the internet.
67 For purposes of this section, the terms "candidate",
68 "campaign committee", and "political party committee" shall
69 have the same meaning given to such terms in section 130.011.

70 5.] The amount of fees charged for information
71 provided in this section shall be established pursuant to
72 chapter 610. All revenues collected by the secretary of
73 state pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the
74 state treasury and credited to the secretary of state's
75 technology trust fund account established pursuant to
76 section 28.160. [In even-numbered years, each election
77 authority shall, upon request, supply the voter registration

78 list for its jurisdiction to all candidates and party
79 committees for a charge established pursuant to chapter
80 610. Except as provided in subsection 6 of this section,
81 all election authorities shall make the information
82 described in this section available pursuant to chapter
83 610. Any election authority who fails to comply with the
84 requirements of this section shall be subject to the
85 provisions of chapter 610.

86 **6.] 5.** Any person working as an undercover officer of
87 a local, state or federal law enforcement agency, persons in
88 witness protection programs, and victims of domestic
89 violence and abuse who have received orders of protection
90 pursuant to chapter 455 shall be entitled to apply to the
91 circuit court having jurisdiction in his or her county of
92 residence to have the residential address on his or her
93 voter registration records closed to the public if the
94 release of such information could endanger the safety of the
95 person. Any person working as an undercover agent or in a
96 witness protection program shall also submit a statement
97 from the chief executive officer of the agency under whose
98 direction he or she is serving. The petition to close the
99 residential address shall be incorporated into any petition
100 for protective order provided by circuit clerks pursuant to
101 chapter 455. If satisfied that the person filing the
102 petition meets the qualifications of this subsection, the
103 circuit court shall issue an order to the election authority
104 to keep the residential address of the voter a closed record
105 and the address may be used only for the purposes of
106 administering elections pursuant to this chapter. The
107 election authority may require the voter who has a closed
108 residential address record to verify that his or her
109 residential address has not changed or to file a change of

110 address and to affirm that the reasons contained in the
111 original petition are still accurate prior to receiving a
112 ballot. A change of address within an election authority's
113 jurisdiction shall not require that the voter file a new
114 petition. Any voter who no longer qualifies pursuant to
115 this subsection to have his or her residential address as a
116 closed record shall notify the circuit court. Upon such
117 notification, the circuit court shall void the order closing
118 the residential address and so notify the election authority.

115.160. 1. All Missouri driver's license applicants
2 shall receive a voter registration application form as a
3 simultaneous part of the application for a driver's license,
4 renewal of driver's license, change of address, duplicate
5 request and a nondriver's license.

6 2. If a single application form is used, the voter
7 registration application portion of any application
8 described in subsection 1 of this section may not require
9 any information that duplicates information required in the
10 driver's license portion of the form, except a second
11 signature or other information required by law.

12 3. After conferring with the secretary of state as the
13 chief state election official responsible for overseeing of
14 the voter registration process, the director of revenue
15 shall adopt rules and regulations pertaining to the format
16 of the voter registration application used by the
17 department. **The director of revenue shall utilize**
18 **electronic voter registration application forms and provide**
19 **for secure electronic transfer of voter registration**
20 **information to election authorities through the voter**
21 **registration system established in section 115.158 and**
22 **maintained by the secretary of state. The secretary of**
23 **state and the director of revenue shall ensure the**

24 **confidentiality and integrity of the voter registration data**
25 **collected, maintained, received, or transmitted under this**
26 **section.**

27 4. No information relating to the failure of an
28 applicant for a driver's license or nondriver's license to
29 sign a voter registration application may be used for any
30 purpose other than voter registration.

31 5. Any voter registration application received
32 pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be
33 forwarded, **in a secure and electronic manner**, to the
34 election authority located within that county or any city
35 not within a county, or if there is more than one election
36 authority within the county, then to the election authority
37 located nearest to the location where the driver's license
38 application was received. **Voter registration information,**
39 **including an electronic image of the signature of the**
40 **applicant, shall be transmitted in a format compatible with**
41 **the Missouri voter registration system established in**
42 **section 115.158 which allows for review by the election**
43 **authority and does not require the election authority to**
44 **manually reenter the information.** The election authority
45 receiving the application forms shall review the
46 applications and forward, **in a secure and electronic manner**,
47 any applications pertaining to a different election
48 authority to that election authority.

49 6. A completed voter registration application accepted
50 in the driver's licensing process shall be transmitted to
51 the election authority described in subsection 5 of this
52 section not later than five business days after the form is
53 completed by the applicant.

54 7. Any person registering to vote when applying for or
55 renewing a Missouri driver's license shall submit with the

56 application form a copy of a birth certificate, a Native
57 American tribal document, or other proof of United States
58 citizenship, a valid Missouri driver's license, or other
59 form of personal identification.

115.205. 1. [Any] **No person [who is] shall be paid or**
2 otherwise compensated for soliciting [more than ten] voter
3 registration applications, other than a governmental entity
4 or a person who is paid or compensated by a governmental
5 entity for such solicitation[, shall be registered with the
6 secretary of state as a voter registration solicitor]. A
7 voter registration solicitor **who solicits more than ten**
8 **voter registration applications** shall register for every
9 election cycle that begins on the day after the general
10 election and ends on the day of the general election two
11 years later. A voter registration solicitor shall be at
12 least eighteen years of age and shall be a registered voter
13 in the state of Missouri.

14 2. Each voter registration solicitor shall provide the
15 following information in writing to the secretary of state's
16 office:

- 17 (1) The name of the voter registration solicitor;
- 18 (2) The residential address, including street number,
19 city, state, and zip code;
- 20 (3) The mailing address, if different from the
21 residential address; **and**
- 22 (4) [Whether the voter registration solicitor expects
23 to be paid for soliciting voter registrations;
- 24 (5) If the voter registration solicitor expects to be
25 paid, the identity of the payor; or
26 (6)] The signature of the voter registration solicitor.

27 3. The solicitor information required in subsection 2
28 of this section shall be submitted to the secretary of

29 state's office with the following oath and affirmation: "I
30 HEREBY SWEAR OR AFFIRM UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT ALL
31 STATEMENTS MADE BY ME ARE TRUE AND CORRECT."

32 4. Any voter registration solicitor who knowingly
33 fails to register with the secretary of state is guilty of a
34 class three election offense. Voter registration
35 applications shall be accepted by the election authority if
36 such applications are otherwise valid, even if the voter
37 registration solicitor who procured the applications fails
38 to register with or submits false information to the
39 secretary of state.

115.225. 1. Before use by election authorities in
2 this state, the secretary of state shall approve the marking
3 devices and the automatic tabulating equipment used in
4 electronic voting systems and may promulgate rules and
5 regulations to implement the intent of sections 115.225 to
6 115.235.

7 2. No electronic voting system shall be approved
8 unless it:

- 9 (1) Permits voting in absolute secrecy;
- 10 (2) Permits each voter to vote for as many candidates
11 for each office as a voter is lawfully entitled to vote for;
- 12 (3) Permits each voter to vote for or against as many
13 questions as a voter is lawfully entitled to vote on, and no
14 more;
- 15 (4) Provides facilities for each voter to cast as many
16 write-in votes for each office as a voter is lawfully
17 entitled to cast;
- 18 (5) Permits each voter in a primary election to vote
19 for the candidates of only one party announced by the voter
20 in advance;

21 (6) Permits each voter at a presidential election to
22 vote by use of a single mark for the candidates of one party
23 or group of petitioners for president, vice president and
24 their presidential electors;

25 (7) Accurately counts all proper votes cast for each
26 candidate and for and against each question;

27 (8) Is set to reject all votes, except write-in votes,
28 for any office and on any question when the number of votes
29 exceeds the number a voter is lawfully entitled to cast;

30 (9) Permits each voter, while voting, to clearly see
31 the ballot label;

32 (10) Has been tested and is certified by an
33 independent authority that meets the voting system standards
34 developed by the Federal Election Commission or its
35 successor agency. The provisions of this subdivision shall
36 not be required for any system purchased prior to August 28,
37 2002.

38 3. The secretary of state shall promulgate rules and
39 regulations to allow the use of a computerized voting
40 system. The procedures shall provide for the use of a
41 computerized voting system with the ability to provide a
42 paper audit trail. Notwithstanding any provisions of this
43 chapter to the contrary, such a system may allow for the
44 storage of processed ballot materials in an electronic form.

45 4. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is
46 defined in section 536.010, that is created under the
47 authority delegated in this section shall become effective
48 only if it complies with and is subject to all of the
49 provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section
50 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and
51 if any of the powers vested with the general assembly
52 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective

53 date or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held
54 unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and
55 any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2002, shall be
56 invalid and void.

57 5. If any election authority uses any touchscreen,
58 direct-recording, electronic vote-counting machine, the
59 election authority may continue to use such machine. Upon
60 the removal of such voting machine from the election
61 authority's inventory because of mechanical malfunction,
62 wear and tear, or any other reason, the machine shall not be
63 replaced and no additional direct-recording electronic vote-
64 counting machine shall be added to the election authority's
65 inventory. Such machines shall not be used beginning
66 January 1, 2024, except that election authorities may allow
67 the machines to be used by voters who are disabled as long
68 as the machines are functional. Replacement of equipment
69 for use by voters who are disabled shall be with paper
70 ballot marking devices designed to assist voters.

71 6. Election authorities shall be members of the
72 Elections Infrastructure Information Sharing and Analysis
73 Center (EI-ISAC) and shall allow a cyber security assessment
74 of their office by the secretary of state. If an election
75 authority denies access for a cyber security assessment, the
76 secretary of state may publicize a notice of noncompliance
77 in a newspaper within the jurisdiction of the election
78 authority or in electronic format. The secretary of state
79 is also authorized to withhold funds from an election
80 authority in violation of this section unless such funding
81 is a federal mandate or part of a federal and state
82 agreement.

83 7. The secretary of state may require cyber security
84 testing, including penetration testing, of vendor machines,

85 programs, and systems. Failure to participate in such
86 testing shall result in a revocation of vendor
87 certification. Upon notice from another jurisdiction of
88 cyber security failures or certification withholds or
89 revocation, the secretary of state may revoke or withhold
90 certification for vendors. The requirements of this section
91 shall be subject to appropriation for the purpose of cyber
92 security testing.

115.237. 1. Each ballot printed or designed for use
2 with an electronic voting system for any election pursuant
3 to this chapter shall contain all questions and the names of
4 all offices and candidates certified or filed pursuant to
5 this chapter and no other. **Beginning January 1, 2024, the**
6 **official ballot shall be a paper ballot that is hand-marked**
7 **by the voter, or in the case of voters who are disabled who**
8 **need assistance, by a paper ballot marking device designed**
9 **to assist voters, except as provided in subsection 5 of**
10 **section 115.225.** As far as practicable, all questions and
11 the names of all offices and candidates for which each voter
12 is entitled to vote shall be printed on one page except for
13 the ballot for political party committee persons in polling
14 places not utilizing an electronic voting system which may
15 be printed separately and in conformity with the
16 requirements contained in this section. As far as
17 practicable, ballots containing only questions and the names
18 of nonpartisan offices and candidates shall be printed in
19 accordance with the provisions of this section, except that
20 the ballot information may be listed in vertical or
21 horizontal rows. The names of candidates for each office
22 shall be listed in the order in which they are filed.

23 2. In polling places using electronic voting systems,
24 the ballot information may be arranged in vertical or

25 horizontal rows or on a number of separate pages or
26 screens. In any event, the name of each candidate, the
27 candidate's party, the office for which he or she is a
28 candidate, and each question shall be indicated clearly on
29 the ballot.

30 3. Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed as
31 prohibiting the use of a separate paper ballot for questions
32 or for the presidential preference primary in any polling
33 place using an electronic voting system.

34 4. Where electronic voting systems are used and when
35 write-in votes are authorized by law, a write-in ballot,
36 which may be in the form of a separate paper ballot, card,
37 or envelope, may be provided by the election authority to
38 permit each voter to write in the names of persons whose
39 names do not appear on the ballot.

40 5. No ballot printed or designed for use with an
41 electronic voting system for any partisan election held
42 under this chapter shall allow a person to vote a straight
43 political party ticket. For purposes of this subsection, a
44 "straight political party ticket" means voting for all of
45 the candidates for elective office who are on the ballot
46 representing a single political party by a single selection
47 on the ballot.

48 6. The secretary of state shall promulgate rules that
49 specify uniform standards for ballot layout for each
50 electronic or computerized ballot counting system approved
51 under the provisions of section 115.225 so that the ballot
52 used with any counting system is, where possible, consistent
53 with the intent of this section. Nothing in this section
54 shall be construed to require the format specified in this
55 section if it does not meet the requirements of the ballot
56 counting system used by the election authority.

57 7. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is
58 defined in section 536.010, that is created under the
59 authority delegated in this section shall become effective
60 only if it complies with and is subject to all of the
61 provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section
62 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and
63 if any of the powers vested with the general assembly
64 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective
65 date or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held
66 unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and
67 any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2002, shall be
68 invalid and void.

 115.257. 1. In jurisdictions where electronic voting
2 machines are used, the election authority shall cause the
3 voting machines to be put in order, set, adjusted and made
4 ready for voting before they are delivered to polling places.

5 2. At least five days before preparing electronic
6 voting machines for any election, notice of the time and
7 place of such preparation shall be mailed to each
8 independent candidate and the chairman of the county
9 committee of each established political party named on the
10 ballot. The preparation shall be watched by two observers
11 designated by the election authority, one from each major
12 political party, and shall be open to representatives of the
13 political parties, candidates, the news media and the public.

14 3. When an electronic voting machine has been examined
15 by such observers and shown to be in good working order, the
16 machine shall be locked against voting. The observers shall
17 certify the vote count on each machine is set at zero.

18 4. After an electronic voting machine has been
19 properly prepared and locked, its keys shall be retained by

20 the election authority and delivered to the election judges
21 along with the other election supplies.

22 5. For the purpose of processing absentee ballots,
23 cast by voters in person in the office of the election
24 authority **that is deemed a designated polling place**, the
25 election authority [may] **shall** cause voting machines, **if**
26 **used**, to be put in order, set, adjusted, tested, and made
27 ready for voting within one business day of the printing of
28 absentee ballots as provided in section 115.281. The
29 election authority shall have the recording counter except
30 for the protective counter on the voting machine set to zero
31 (000). After the voting machines have been made ready for
32 voting, the election authority shall not permit any person
33 to handle any voting machine, except voters while they are
34 voting and others expressly authorized by the election
35 authority. The election authority shall neither be nor
36 permit any other person to be in any position or near any
37 position that enables the authority or person to see how any
38 absentee voter votes or has voted.

39 6. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the on-site
40 storage of electronic voting machines and the preparation of
41 the electronic machines for voting, provided the electronic
42 voting machines are put in order, set, adjusted and made
43 ready for voting as provided in subsections 1, 2, 3, 4, and
44 5 of this section.

115.275. As used in sections 115.275 to 115.304,
2 unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the
3 following terms shall mean:

4 (1) "Absentee ballot", any [of the ballots] **ballot** a
5 person is authorized to cast away from a polling place **or in**
6 **the office of the election authority or other authorized**

7 **location designated by the election authority** pursuant to
8 the provisions of sections 115.275 to 115.304;

9 (2) "Covered voter":

10 (a) A uniformed services voter who is registered to
11 vote in this state;

12 (b) A uniformed services voter defined in this section
13 whose voting residence is in this state and who otherwise
14 satisfies this state's voter eligibility requirements;

15 (c) An overseas voter;

16 (d) Civilian employees of the United States government
17 working outside the boundaries of the United States, and
18 their spouses and dependents;

19 (e) Active members of religious or welfare
20 organizations assisting servicemen, and their spouses and
21 dependents; or

22 (f) Persons who have been honorably discharged from
23 the Armed Forces, **including Space Force**, or who have
24 terminated their service or employment in any group
25 mentioned in this section within sixty days of an election,
26 and their spouses and dependents;

27 (3) "Interstate former resident", a former resident
28 and registered voter in this state who moves from Missouri
29 to another state after the deadline to register to vote in
30 any presidential election in the new state and who otherwise
31 possesses the qualifications to register and vote in such
32 state;

33 (4) "Intrastate new resident", a registered voter of
34 this state who moves from one election authority's
35 jurisdiction in the state to another election authority's
36 jurisdiction in the state after the last day authorized in
37 this chapter to register to vote in an election and
38 otherwise possesses the qualifications to vote;

39 (5) "New resident", a person who moves to this state
40 after the last date authorized in this chapter to register
41 to vote in any presidential election;

42 (6) "Overseas voter":

43 (a) A person who resides outside the United States and
44 is qualified to vote in the last place in which the person
45 was domiciled before leaving the United States; or

46 (b) A person who resides outside the United States
47 and, but for such residence, would be qualified to vote in
48 the last place in which the person was domiciled before
49 leaving the United States;

50 (7) "Uniformed services":

51 (a) Active and reserve components of the Army, Navy,
52 Air Force, Marine Corps, **Space Force**, or Coast Guard of the
53 United States;

54 (b) The Merchant Marine, the commissioned corps of the
55 Public Health Service, or the commissioned corps of the
56 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the
57 United States; or

58 (c) The Missouri National Guard;

59 (8) "Uniformed services voter", an individual who is
60 qualified to vote and is:

61 (a) A member of the active or reserve components of
62 the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, **Space Force**, or
63 Coast Guard of the United States who is on active duty;

64 (b) A member of the Merchant Marine, the commissioned
65 corps of the Public Health Service, or the commissioned
66 corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
67 of the United States;

68 (c) A member on activated status of the National
69 Guard; or

70 (d) A spouse or dependent of a member referred to in
71 this subdivision;

72 (9) "United States", used in the territorial sense,
73 the several states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico,
74 the United States Virgin Islands, and any territory or
75 insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United
76 States.

115.277. 1. **Any registered voter of this state may**
2 **cast an absentee ballot in person at a location designated**
3 **by the election authority for all candidates and issues for**
4 **which such voter is eligible to vote at the polling place.**
5 **Any registered voter casting a ballot under the provisions**
6 **of this subsection shall provide a form of personal**
7 **identification that is consistent with subsection 1 of**
8 **section 115.427.**

9 2. Except as provided in subsections [2, 3,] 4, [and]
10 5, 6, and 7 of this section, any registered voter of this
11 state may [vote by] **cast an** absentee ballot for all
12 candidates and issues for which such voter would be eligible
13 to vote at the polling place if such voter expects to be
14 prevented from going to the polls to vote on election day
15 [due to:]. **Any absentee ballot that is not requested and**
16 **completed in person at the office of the election authority**
17 **with a form of personal identification that is consistent**
18 **with subsection 1 of section 115.427 shall have the**
19 **statement on the ballot envelope notarized as required under**
20 **section 115.283, except that absentee ballots requested**
21 **under subdivisions (2) and (5) of subsection 3 of this**
22 **section shall not require notarization. This subsection**
23 **shall apply only in the case of absentee ballots that are**
24 **not cast in person.**

25 **3. A voter may request an absentee ballot for any of**
26 **the following reasons:**

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

30 (2) Incapacity or confinement due to illness or
31 physical disability **on election day**, including a person who
32 is primarily responsible for the physical care of a person
33 who is incapacitated or confined due to illness or
34 disability **and resides at the same address;**

35 (3) Religious belief or practice;

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

39 (5) Incarceration, provided all qualifications for
40 voting are retained; **or**

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

44 (7) For an election that occurs during the year 2020,
45 the voter has contracted or is in an at-risk category for
46 contracting or transmitting severe acute respiratory
47 syndrome coronavirus 2. This subdivision shall expire on
48 December 31, 2020].

49 [2.] **4.** Any covered voter who is eligible to register
50 and vote in this state may vote in any election for federal
51 office, statewide office, state legislative office, or
52 statewide ballot initiatives by submitting a federal
53 postcard application to apply to vote by absentee ballot or
54 by submitting a federal postcard application at the polling
55 place even though the person is not registered. A federal
56 postcard application submitted by a covered voter pursuant

57 to this subsection shall also serve as a voter registration
58 application under section 115.908 and the election authority
59 shall, if satisfied that the applicant is entitled to
60 register, place the voter's name on the voter registration
61 file. Each covered voter may vote by absentee ballot or,
62 upon submitting an affidavit that the person is qualified to
63 vote in the election, may vote at the person's polling place.

64 [3.] 5. Any interstate former resident may vote by
65 absentee ballot for presidential and vice presidential
66 electors.

67 [4.] 6. Any intrastate new resident may vote by
68 absentee ballot at the election for presidential and vice
69 presidential electors, United States senator, representative
70 in Congress, statewide elected officials and statewide
71 questions, propositions and amendments from such resident's
72 new jurisdiction of residence after registering to vote in
73 such resident's new jurisdiction of residence.

74 [5.] 7. Any new resident may vote by absentee ballot
75 for presidential and vice presidential electors after
76 registering to vote in such resident's new jurisdiction of
77 residence.

78 [6. For purposes of this section, the voters who are
79 in an at-risk category for contracting or transmitting
80 severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 are voters
81 who:

- 82 (1) Are sixty-five years of age or older;
- 83 (2) Live in a long-term care facility licensed under
84 chapter 198;
- 85 (3) Have chronic lung disease or moderate to severe
86 asthma;
- 87 (4) Have serious heart conditions;
- 88 (5) Are immunocompromised;

89 (6) Have diabetes;

90 (7) Have chronic kidney disease and are undergoing
91 dialysis; or

92 (8) Have liver disease.]

115.279. 1. Application for an absentee ballot may be
2 made by the applicant in person, or by mail, or for the
3 applicant, in person, by his or her guardian or a relative
4 within the second degree by consanguinity or affinity. The
5 election authority shall accept applications by facsimile
6 transmission and by electronic mail within the limits of its
7 telecommunications capacity.

8 **2. No individual, group, or party shall solicit a**
9 **person to obtain an absentee ballot application. Absentee**
10 **ballot applications shall not have any information pre-**
11 **filled prior to being provided to an applicant.**

12 [2.] 3. Each application shall be made to the election
13 authority of the jurisdiction in which the person is or
14 would be registered. Each application shall be in writing
15 and shall state the applicant's name, address at which he or
16 she is or would be registered, his or her reason for voting
17 an absentee ballot, **if casting an absentee ballot under**
18 **subsection 2 of section 115.277**, the address to which the
19 ballot is to be mailed, if mailing is requested, and for
20 absent uniformed services and overseas applicants, the
21 applicant's email address if electronic transmission is
22 requested. If the reason for the applicant voting absentee
23 is due to the reasons established under subdivision (6) of
24 subsection [1] 3 of section 115.277, the applicant shall
25 state the voter's identification information provided by the
26 address confidentiality program in lieu of the applicant's
27 name, address at which he or she is or would be registered,
28 and address to which the ballot is to be mailed, if mailing

29 is requested. Each application to vote in a primary
30 election shall also state which ballot the applicant wishes
31 to receive. If any application fails to designate a ballot,
32 the election authority shall, within three working days
33 after receiving the application, notify the applicant by
34 mail that it will be unable to deliver an absentee ballot
35 until the applicant designates which political party ballot
36 he or she wishes to receive. If the applicant does not
37 respond to the request for political party designation, the
38 election authority is authorized to provide the voter with
39 that part of the ballot for which no political party
40 designation is required.

41 [3. Except as provided in subsection 3 of section
42 115.281,] 4. All applications for absentee ballots received
43 prior to the sixth Tuesday before an election shall be
44 stored at the office of the election authority until such
45 time as the applications are processed in accordance with
46 section 115.281. No application for an absentee ballot
47 received in the office of the election authority by mail, by
48 facsimile transmission, by electronic mail, or by a guardian
49 or relative after 5:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday
50 immediately prior to the election shall be accepted by any
51 election authority. No application for an absentee ballot
52 submitted by the applicant in person after 5:00 p.m. on the
53 day before the election shall be accepted by any election
54 authority, except as provided in subsections [6, 8 and 9] 7,
55 9, and 10 of this section.

56 [4.] 5. Each application for an absentee ballot shall
57 be signed by the applicant or, if the application is made by
58 a guardian or relative pursuant to this section, the
59 application shall be signed by the guardian or relative, who
60 shall note on the application his or her relationship to the

61 applicant. If an applicant, guardian or relative is blind,
62 unable to read or write the English language or physically
63 incapable of signing the application, he or she shall sign
64 by mark, witnessed by the signature of an election official
65 or person of his or her own choosing. Any person who
66 knowingly makes, delivers or mails a fraudulent absentee
67 ballot application shall be guilty of a class one election
68 offense.

69 [5.] 6. (1) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary,
70 any resident of the state of Missouri who resides outside
71 the boundaries of the United States or who is on active duty
72 with the Armed Forces of the United States, **including Space**
73 **Force**, or members of their immediate family living with them
74 may request an absentee ballot for both the primary and
75 subsequent general election with one application.

76 (2) The election authority shall provide each absent
77 uniformed services voter and each overseas voter who submits
78 a voter registration application or an absentee ballot
79 request, if the election authority rejects the application
80 or request, with the reasons for the rejection.

81 (3) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, if
82 a standard oath regarding material misstatements of fact is
83 adopted for uniformed and overseas voters pursuant to the
84 Help America Vote Act of 2002, the election authority shall
85 accept such oath for voter registration, absentee ballot, or
86 other election-related materials.

87 (4) Not later than sixty days after the date of each
88 regularly scheduled general election for federal office,
89 each election authority which administered the election
90 shall submit to the secretary of state in a format
91 prescribed by the secretary a report on the combined number
92 of absentee ballots transmitted to, and returned by, absent

93 uniformed services voters and overseas voters for the
 94 election. The secretary shall submit to the Election
 95 Assistance Commission a combined report of such information
 96 not later than ninety days after the date of each regularly
 97 scheduled general election for federal office and in a
 98 standardized format developed by the commission pursuant to
 99 the Help America Vote Act of 2002. The secretary shall make
 100 the report available to the general public.

101 (5) As used in this section, the terms "absent
 102 uniformed services voter" and "overseas voter" shall have
 103 the meaning prescribed in 52 U.S.C. Section 20310.

104 [6.] 7. An application for an absentee ballot by a new
 105 resident shall be submitted in person by the applicant in
 106 the office of the election authority in the election
 107 jurisdiction in which such applicant resides. The
 108 application shall be received by the election authority no
 109 later than 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election. Such
 110 application shall be in the form of an affidavit, executed
 111 in duplicate in the presence of the election authority or
 112 any authorized officer of the election authority, and in
 113 substantially the following form:

114 "STATE OF _____

115 COUNTY OF _____, ss.

116 I, _____, do solemnly swear that:

117 (1) Before becoming a resident of this state, I
 118 resided at _____ (residence address) in _____
 119 (town, township, village or city) of _____
 120 County in the state of _____;

121 (2) I moved to this state after the last day to
 122 register to vote in such general presidential
 123 election and I am now residing in the county of
 124 _____, state of Missouri;

125 (3) I believe I am entitled pursuant to the laws of
 126 this state to vote in the presidential election
 127 to be held November _____, _____ (year);

128 (4) I hereby make application for a presidential
 129 and vice presidential ballot. I have not voted
 130 and shall not vote other than by this ballot at
 131 such election.

132 Signed _____

133 (Applicant)

134 _____

135 _____

136 (Residence

137 Address)

138 Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day

139 of _____, _____

140 Signed _____

141 (Title and name of officer authorized to

142 administer oaths)"

143 [7.] 8. The election authority in whose office an
 144 application is filed pursuant to subsection [6] 7 of this
 145 section shall immediately send a duplicate of such
 146 application to the appropriate official of the state in
 147 which the new resident applicant last resided and shall file
 148 the original of such application in its office.

149 [8.] 9. An application for an absentee ballot by an
 150 intrastate new resident shall be made in person by the
 151 applicant in the office of the election authority in the
 152 election jurisdiction in which such applicant resides. The
 153 application shall be received by the election authority no
 154 later than 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election. Such
 155 application shall be in the form of an affidavit, executed
 156 in duplicate in the presence of the election authority or an

157 authorized officer of the election authority, and in
 158 substantially the following form:

159 "STATE OF _____

160 COUNTY OF _____, ss.

161 I, _____, do solemnly swear that:

162 (1) Before becoming a resident of this election
 163 jurisdiction, I resided at _____ (residence
 164 address) in _____ (town, township, village or
 165 city) of _____ county in the state of _____;

166 (2) I moved to this election jurisdiction after the
 167 last day to register to vote in such election;

168 (3) I believe I am entitled pursuant to the laws of
 169 this state to vote in the election to be held
 170 _____ (date);

171 (4) I hereby make application for an absentee
 172 ballot for candidates and issues on which I am
 173 entitled to vote pursuant to the laws of this
 174 state. I have not voted and shall not vote
 175 other than by this ballot at such election.

176 Signed _____

177 (Applicant)

178 _____

179 _____

180 (Residence
 181 Address)

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

184 Signed _____

185 (Title and name of officer authorized to
 186 administer oaths)"

187 [9.] 10. An application for an absentee ballot by an
 188 interstate former resident shall be received in the office
 189 of the election authority where the applicant was formerly

190 registered by 5:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday immediately
191 prior to the election, unless the application is made in
192 person by the applicant in the office of the election
193 authority, in which case such application shall be made no
194 later than 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election.

115.283. 1. Each ballot envelope shall bear a
2 statement on which the voter shall state the voter's name,
3 the voter's voting address, the voter's mailing address **if**
4 **casting an absentee ballot under subsection 2 of section**
5 **115.277**, and the voter's reason for voting an absentee
6 ballot. If the reason for the voter voting absentee is due
7 to the reasons established under subdivision (6) of
8 subsection [1] 3 of section 115.277, the voter shall state
9 the voter's identification information provided by the
10 address confidentiality program in lieu of the applicant's
11 name, voting address, and mailing address. On the form, the
12 voter shall also state under penalties of perjury that the
13 voter is qualified to vote in the election, that the voter
14 has not previously voted and will not vote again in the
15 election, that the voter has personally marked the voter's
16 ballot in secret or supervised the marking of the voter's
17 ballot if the voter is unable to mark it, that the ballot
18 has been placed in the ballot envelope and sealed by the
19 voter or under the voter's supervision if the voter is
20 unable to seal it, and that all information contained in the
21 statement is true. In addition, any person providing
22 assistance to the absentee voter shall include a statement
23 on the envelope identifying the person providing assistance
24 under penalties of perjury. Persons authorized to vote only
25 for federal and statewide officers shall also state their
26 former Missouri residence.

27 2. The statement for persons voting absentee ballots
 28 **under subsection 2 of section 115.277** who are registered
 29 voters shall be in substantially the following form:

30 "State of Missouri

31 County (City) of _____

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

37 _____ absence on election day from the
 38 jurisdiction of the election authority in
 39 which I am registered;

40 _____ incapacity or confinement due to illness
 41 or physical disability **on election day**,
 42 including caring for a person who is
 43 incapacitated or confined due to illness
 44 or disability **and resides at the same**
 45 **address;**

46 _____ religious belief or practice;

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

50 _____ incarceration, although I have retained
 51 all the necessary qualifications for
 52 voting;

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

57 I hereby state under penalties of perjury that I am
 58 qualified to vote at this election; I have not
 59 voted and will not vote other than by this ballot
 60 at this election. I further state that I marked the
 61 enclosed ballot in secret or that I am blind,
 62 unable to read or write English, or physically
 63 incapable of marking the ballot, and the person of

64 my choosing indicated below marked the ballot at my
65 direction; all of the information on this statement
66 is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true.

67

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—

70

Signature of
71 Voter

Signature of Person
Assisting Voter

71

72

73

(if applicable)

74

Signed _____

Subscribed and sworn

75

Signed _____

to before me this

76

Address of Voter

_____ day of _____,

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82

Mailing addresses
83 (if different)

Signature of notary or
other officer
authorized to
administer oaths"

83

84

85

86 3. The statement for persons voting absentee ballots
87 pursuant to the provisions of subsection [2, 3,] 4, [or] 5,
88 6, or 7 of section 115.277 without being registered shall be
89 in substantially the following form:

90

"State of Missouri

91

County (City) of _____

92

I, _____ (print name), declare under the penalties
93 of perjury that I am a citizen of the United States
94 and eighteen years of age or older. I am not
95 adjudged incapacitated by any court of law, and if

96 I have been convicted of a felony or of a
 97 misdemeanor connected with the right of suffrage, I
 98 have had the voting disabilities resulting from
 99 such conviction removed pursuant to law. I hereby
 100 state under penalties of perjury that I am
 101 qualified to vote at this election.

102 I am (check one):

103 _____ a resident of the state of Missouri and a
 104 registered voter in _____ County and moved
 105 from that county to _____ County, Missouri,
 106 after the last day to register to vote in
 107 this election.

108 _____ an interstate former resident of Missouri
 109 and authorized to vote for presidential and
 110 vice presidential electors.

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

120 _____ Subscribed to and
 121 Signature of Voter sworn before me this
 122 _____ day of
 123 _____, _____

124 _____
 125 _____
 126 Address of Voter Signature of notary or
 127 other officer
 128 authorized to
 129 administer oaths

130 _____

131 Mailing Address (if _____
 132 different) _____
 133 _____
 134 _____
 135 Signature of Person Address of Last
 136 Assisting Voter Missouri Residence
 137 (if applicable)"

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

142 "State of Missouri
 143 County (City) of _____

144 I, _____ (print name), declare under the penalties
 145 of perjury that I expect to be prevented from going
 146 to the polls on election day due to (check one):

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

151 _____ incapacity or confinement due to illness
 152 or physical disability **on election day,**
 153 including caring for a person who is
 154 incapacitated or confined due to illness
 155 or disability **and resides at the same**
 156 **address;**

157 _____ religious belief or practice;

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

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

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

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

179 _____
 180 _____ Subscribed and sworn
 181 _____

182 Signature of _____ to before me this
 183 Voter _____

184 _____ day of
 185 _____, _____

186 _____
 187 _____
 188 _____
 189 _____

190 Address _____ Signature of notary or
 191 other officer
 192 authorized to
 193 administer oaths

194 _____
 195 _____
 196 Signature of
 197 Person
 198 Assisting Voter

199 (if applicable)"

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

202 "The voter needed assistance in marking the ballot
203 and signing above, because of blindness, other
204 physical disability, or inability to read or to
205 read English. I marked the ballot enclosed in this
206 envelope at the voter's direction, when I was
207 alone with the voter, and I had no other
208 communication with the voter as to how he or she
209 was to vote. The voter swore or affirmed the voter
210 affidavit above and I then signed the voter's name
211 and completed the other voter information above.
212 Signed under the penalties of perjury.

213 Reason why voter needed assistance: _____

214 ASSISTING PERSON SIGN HERE

- 215 1. _____ (signature of assisting person)
216 2. _____ (assisting person's name printed)
217 3. _____ (assisting person's residence)
218 4. _____ (assisting person's home city or town)."

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

224 [7.] 6. Notwithstanding any other provision of this
225 section, any covered voter as defined in section 115.902 or
226 persons who have declared themselves to be permanently
227 disabled pursuant to section 115.284, otherwise entitled to
228 vote, shall not be required to obtain a notary seal or
229 signature on his or her absentee ballot.

230 [8.] 7. Notwithstanding any other provision of this
231 section or section 115.291 to the contrary, the
232 subscription, signature and seal of a notary or other
233 officer authorized to administer oaths shall not be required
234 on any ballot, ballot envelope, or statement required by
235 this section if the reason for the voter voting absentee is
236 due to the reasons established pursuant to subdivision (2)
237 or [(7)] (5) of subsection [1] 3 of section 115.277.

238 [9.] 8. No notary shall charge or collect a fee for
239 notarizing the signature on any absentee ballot or absentee
240 voter registration.

241 [10.] 9. A notary public who charges more than the
242 maximum fee specified or who charges or collects a fee for
243 notarizing the signature on any absentee ballot or absentee
244 voter registration is guilty of official misconduct.

115.285. The secretary of state may prescribe uniform
2 regulations with respect to the printing of ballot envelopes
3 and mailing envelopes, which shall comply with standards
4 established by federal law or postal regulations. Mailing
5 envelopes for use in returning ballots shall be printed with
6 business reply permits so that any ballot returned by mail
7 does not require postage. All fees and costs for
8 establishing and maintaining the business reply and postage-
9 free mail for all ballots cast shall be paid by the
10 secretary of state through state appropriations.

11 [Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a
12 ballot envelope used under section 115.302 shall be the same
13 ballot envelope used for absentee ballots, provided an
14 option shall be listed on the envelope to clearly indicate
15 whether the voter is casting an absentee ballot or a mail-in
16 ballot.]

115.286. Absentee ballots under sections 115.275 to
2 115.304 received by the election authority in person or
3 other authorized location designated by the election
4 authority are deemed cast when received prior to election
5 day. Absentee ballots received by the election authority
6 through a common carrier such as the United States Postal
7 Service are deemed cast when received prior to the time
8 fixed by law for the closing of the polls on election day.
9 Absentee ballots received by the election authority through
10 a common carrier such as the United States Postal Service
11 shall be received prior to the time fixed by law for the
12 closing of polls on election day.

115.287. 1. Upon receipt of a signed application for
2 an absentee ballot and if satisfied the applicant is
3 entitled to vote by absentee ballot, the election authority
4 shall, within three working days after receiving the
5 application, or if absentee ballots are not available at the
6 time the application is received, within five working days
7 after they become available, deliver to the voter an
8 absentee ballot, ballot envelope and such instructions as
9 are necessary for the applicant to vote. Delivery shall be
10 made to the voter personally in the office of the election
11 authority or by bipartisan teams appointed by the election
12 authority, or by first class, registered, or certified mail
13 at the discretion of the election authority, or in the case
14 of a covered voter as defined in section 115.902, the method
15 of transmission prescribed in section 115.914. Where the
16 election authority is a county clerk, the members of
17 bipartisan teams representing the political party other than
18 that of county clerk shall be selected from a list of
19 persons submitted to the county clerk by the county chairman
20 of that party. If no list is provided by the time that

21 absentee ballots are to be made available, the county clerk
22 may select a person or persons from lists provided in
23 accordance with section 115.087. If the election authority
24 is not satisfied that any applicant is entitled to vote by
25 absentee ballot, it shall not deliver an absentee ballot to
26 the applicant. Within three working days of receiving such
27 an application, the election authority shall notify the
28 applicant and state the reason he or she is not entitled to
29 vote by absentee ballot. The applicant may file a complaint
30 with the elections division of the secretary of state's
31 office under and pursuant to section 115.219.

32 2. If, after 5:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday before
33 an election, any voter from the jurisdiction has become
34 hospitalized, becomes confined due to illness or injury, or
35 is confined in an intermediate care facility, residential
36 care facility, or skilled nursing facility **on election day**,
37 as such terms are defined in section 198.006, in the county
38 in which the jurisdiction is located or in the jurisdiction
39 of an adjacent election authority within the same county,
40 the election authority shall appoint a team to deliver,
41 witness the signing of and return the voter's application
42 and deliver, witness the voting of and return the voter's
43 absentee ballot. [In counties with a charter form of
44 government and in cities not within a county, and in each
45 city which has over three hundred thousand inhabitants, and
46 is situated in more than one county,] If the election
47 authority receives ten or more applications for absentee
48 ballots from the same address it [may] **shall** appoint a team
49 to deliver and witness the voting and return of absentee
50 ballots by voters residing at that address, except when such
51 addresses are for an apartment building or other structure
52 wherein individual living units are located, each of which

53 has its own separate cooking facilities. Each team
54 appointed pursuant to this subsection shall consist of two
55 registered voters, one from each major political party.
56 Both members of any team appointed pursuant to this
57 subsection shall be present during the delivery, signing or
58 voting and return of any application or absentee ballot
59 signed or voted pursuant to this subsection.

60 3. On the mailing and ballot envelopes for each
61 covered voter, the election authority shall stamp
62 prominently in black the words "FEDERAL BALLOT, STATE OF
63 MISSOURI" and "U.S. Postage Paid, 39 U.S.C. Section 3406".

64 4. No information which encourages a vote for or
65 against a candidate or issue shall be provided to any voter
66 with an absentee ballot.

115.291. 1. Upon receiving an absentee ballot by
2 mail, the voter shall mark the ballot in secret, place the
3 ballot in the ballot envelope, seal the envelope and fill
4 out the statement on the ballot envelope. The affidavit of
5 each person voting an absentee ballot shall be subscribed
6 and sworn to before the election official receiving the
7 ballot, a notary public or other officer authorized by law
8 to administer oaths, unless the voter is voting absentee due
9 to incapacity or confinement due to the provisions of
10 section 115.284, illness, or physical disability **on election**
11 **day** [, for an election that occurs during the year 2020, the
12 voter has contracted or is in an at-risk category for
13 contracting or transmitting severe acute respiratory
14 syndrome coronavirus 2, as defined in section 115.277,] or
15 the voter is a covered voter as defined in section 115.902.
16 If the voter is blind, unable to read or write the English
17 language, or physically incapable of voting the ballot, the
18 voter may be assisted by a person of the voter's own

19 choosing. Any person assisting a voter who is not entitled
20 to such assistance, and any person who assists a voter and
21 in any manner coerces or initiates a request or a suggestion
22 that the voter vote for or against or refrain from voting on
23 any question, ticket or candidate, shall be guilty of a
24 class one election offense. If, upon counting, challenge or
25 election contest, it is ascertained that any absentee ballot
26 was voted with unlawful assistance, the ballot shall be
27 rejected. [For purposes of this subsection, the voters who
28 are in an at-risk category for contracting or transmitting
29 severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 are voters
30 who:

- 31 (1) Sixty-five years of age or older;
- 32 (2) Live in a long-term care facility licensed under
33 chapter 198;
- 34 (3) Have chronic lung disease or moderate to severe
35 asthma;
- 36 (4) Have serious heart conditions;
- 37 (5) Are immunocompromised;
- 38 (6) Have diabetes;
- 39 (7) Have chronic kidney disease and are undergoing
40 dialysis; or
- 41 (8) Have liver disease.]

42 2. Except as provided in subsection 4 of this section,
43 each absentee ballot that is not cast by the voter in person
44 in the office of the election authority shall be returned to
45 the election authority in the ballot envelope and shall only
46 be returned by the voter in person, or in person by a
47 relative of the voter who is within the second degree of
48 consanguinity or affinity, by mail or registered carrier or
49 by a team of deputy election authorities; except that
50 covered voters, when sent from a location determined by the

51 secretary of state to be inaccessible on election day, shall
52 be allowed to return their absentee ballots cast by use of
53 facsimile transmission or under a program approved by the
54 Department of Defense for electronic transmission of
55 election materials.

56 3. In cases of an emergency declared by the President
57 of the United States or the governor of this state where the
58 conduct of an election may be affected, the secretary of
59 state may provide for the delivery and return of absentee
60 ballots by use of a facsimile transmission device or
61 system. Any rule promulgated pursuant to this subsection
62 shall apply to a class or classes of voters as provided for
63 by the secretary of state.

64 4. No election authority shall refuse to accept and
65 process any otherwise valid marked absentee ballot submitted
66 in any manner by a covered voter solely on the basis of
67 restrictions on envelope type.

115.417. 1. Before the time fixed by law for the
2 opening of the polls, the election authority shall deliver
3 to each polling place a sufficient number of voter
4 instruction cards which include the following information:
5 [if paper ballots or an electronic voting system is used,
6 the instructions shall inform the voter on] how to obtain a
7 ballot for voting, how to vote and prepare the ballot for
8 deposit in the ballot box and how to obtain a new ballot to
9 replace one accidentally spoiled.

10 2. The election authority at each polling place shall
11 post in a conspicuous place voting instructions on a poster
12 no smaller than twenty-four inches by thirty inches. Such
13 instructions shall also inform the voter that the electronic
14 voting equipment can be demonstrated upon request of the
15 voter. The election authority shall also publicly post

16 during the period of time in which a person may cast an
17 absentee ballot and on election day a sample version of the
18 ballot that will be used for that election, the date of the
19 election, the hours during which the polling place will be
20 open, instructions for mail-in registrants and first-time
21 voters, general information on voting rights in accordance
22 with the state plan filed by the secretary of state pursuant
23 to the Help America Vote Act of 2002, general information on
24 the right to cast a provisional ballot and instructions for
25 provisional ballots, how to contact appropriate authorities
26 if voting rights have been violated, and general information
27 on federal and Missouri law regarding prohibitions on acts
28 of fraud and misrepresentation. The secretary of state may
29 promulgate rules to execute this section. No rule or
30 portion of a rule promulgated pursuant to the authority of
31 this section shall become effective unless it has been
32 promulgated pursuant to chapter 536.

33 3. The secretary of state may develop multilingual
34 voting instructions to be made available to election
35 authorities.

115.427. 1. Persons seeking to vote in a public
2 election shall establish their identity and eligibility to
3 vote at the polling place **or, if voting absentee in person**
4 **under section 115.277, at the office of the election**
5 **authority or other authorized location designated by the**
6 **election authority** by presenting a form of personal
7 identification to election officials. No form of personal
8 identification other than the forms listed in this section
9 shall be accepted to establish a voter's qualifications to
10 vote. Forms of personal identification that satisfy the
11 requirements of this section are any one of the following:

12 (1) Nonexpired Missouri driver's license;

13 (2) Nonexpired or nonexpiring Missouri nondriver's
14 license;

15 (3) A document that satisfies all of the following
16 requirements:

17 (a) The document contains the name of the individual
18 to whom the document was issued, and the name substantially
19 conforms to the most recent signature in the individual's
20 voter registration record;

21 (b) The document shows a photograph of the individual;

22 (c) The document includes an expiration date, and the
23 document is not expired, or, if expired, the document
24 expired after the date of the most recent general election;
25 and

26 (d) The document was issued by the United States or
27 the state of Missouri; or

28 (4) Any identification containing a photograph of the
29 individual which is issued by the Missouri National Guard,
30 the United States Armed Forces, **including Space Force**, or
31 the United States Department of Veteran Affairs to a member
32 or former member of the Missouri National Guard or the
33 United States Armed Forces, **including Space Force**, and that
34 is not expired or does not have an expiration date.

35 2. (1) An individual who appears at a polling place
36 without a form of personal identification described in
37 subsection 1 of this section and who is otherwise qualified
38 to vote at that polling place [may execute a statement,
39 under penalty of perjury, averring that the individual is
40 the person listed in the precinct register; averring that
41 the individual does not possess a form of personal
42 identification described in subsection 1 of this section;
43 acknowledging that the individual is eligible to receive a
44 Missouri nondriver's license free of charge if desiring it

45 in order to vote; and acknowledging that the individual is
46 required to present a form of personal identification, as
47 described in subsection 1 of this section, in order to
48 vote. Such statement shall be executed and sworn to before
49 the election official receiving the statement. Upon
50 executing such statement, the individual may cast a regular
51 ballot, provided such individual presents one of the
52 following forms of identification:

53 (a) Identification issued by the state of Missouri, an
54 agency of the state, or a local election authority of the
55 state;

56 (b) Identification issued by the United States
57 government or agency thereof;

58 (c) Identification issued by an institution of higher
59 education, including a university, college, vocational and
60 technical school, located within the state of Missouri;

61 (d) A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement,
62 government check, paycheck, or other government document
63 that contains the name and address of the individual;

64 (e) Other identification approved by the secretary of
65 state under rules promulgated pursuant to this section.

66 (2) For any individual who appears at a polling place
67 without a form of personal identification described in
68 subsection 1 of this section and who is otherwise qualified
69 to vote at that polling place, the election authority may
70 take a picture of such individual and keep it as part of
71 that individual's voter registration file at the election
72 authority.

73 (3) Any individual who chooses not to execute the
74 statement described in subdivision (1) of this subsection
75 may cast a provisional ballot. Such provisional ballot

76 shall be counted, provided that it meets the requirements of
77 subsection 4 of this section.

78 (4) For the purposes of this section, the term
79 "election official" shall include any person working under
80 the authority of the election authority.

81 3. The statement to be used for voting under
82 subdivision (1) of subsection 2 of this section shall be
83 substantially in the following form:

84 "State of _____

85 County of _____

86 I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that my name is
87 _____; that I reside at _____; that I am the
88 person listed in the precinct register under this
89 name and at this address; and that, under penalty
90 of perjury, I do not possess a form of personal
91 identification approved for voting. As a person
92 who does not possess a form of personal
93 identification approved for voting, I acknowledge
94 that I am eligible to receive free of charge a
95 Missouri nondriver's license at any fee office if
96 desiring it in order to vote. I furthermore
97 acknowledge that I am required to present a form
98 of personal identification, as prescribed by law,
99 in order to vote.

100 I understand that knowingly providing false
101 information is a violation of law and subjects me
102 to possible criminal prosecution.

103 _____

104 Signature of voter

105 Subscribed and affirmed before me this _____ day
106 of _____, 20_____

107 _____

108 Signature of election official"

109 4. A voter] shall be allowed to cast a provisional
110 ballot [under section 115.430 even if the election judges
111 cannot establish the voter's identity under this section].
112 The election judges shall make a notation on the provisional
113 ballot envelope to indicate that the voter's identity was
114 not verified.

115 (2) No person shall be entitled to receive a
116 provisional ballot until such person has completed a
117 provisional ballot affidavit on the provisional ballot
118 envelope. All provisional ballots shall be marked with a
119 conspicuous stamp or mark that makes them distinguishable
120 from other ballots.

121 (3) The provisional ballot envelope shall be completed
122 by the voter for use in determining the voter's eligibility
123 to cast a ballot.

124 3. The provisional ballot envelope shall provide a
125 place for the voter's name, address, date of birth, and last
126 four digits of his or her Social Security number, followed
127 by a certificate in substantially the following form:

128 "I do solemnly swear that I am the person
129 identified above and the information provided is
130 correct. I understand that my vote will not be
131 counted unless:

132 (1) I return to this polling place today
133 between 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. and provide one of
134 the following forms of identification:

135 (a) Nonexpired Missouri driver's license;

136 (b) Nonexpired or nonexpiring Missouri
137 nondriver's license;

138 (c) A document that satisfies all of the
139 following requirements:

- 140 (i) The document contains my name, in
- 141 substantially the same form as the most recent
- 142 signature on my voter registration record;
- 143 (ii) The document contains my photograph;
- 144 (iii) The document contains an expiration
- 145 date and is not expired, or if expired, the
- 146 document expired after the date of the most recent
- 147 general election; and
- 148 (iv) The document was issued by the United
- 149 States or the state of Missouri; or
- 150 (d) Identification containing my photograph
- 151 issued to me by the Missouri National Guard, the
- 152 United States Armed Forces, including Space Force,
- 153 or the United States Department of Veteran Affairs
- 154 as a member or former member of the Missouri
- 155 National Guard or the United States Armed Forces,
- 156 including Space Force, that is not expired or does
- 157 not have an expiration date;
- 158 (2) The election authority verifies my
- 159 identity by comparing my signature on this
- 160 envelope to the signature on file with the
- 161 election authority and determines that I was
- 162 eligible to cast a ballot at this polling place;
- and
- 163 (3) This provisional ballot otherwise
- 164 qualifies to be counted under the laws of the
- 165 state of Missouri.

166 _____

167 Signature of Voter Date

168

169 _____

170 Signatures of Election Officials"

171 **Once voted, the provisional ballot shall be sealed in the**
172 **provisional ballot envelope and placed in a separate secured**
173 **container by the election judge.**

174 4. The provisional ballot cast by such voter shall not
175 be counted unless:

176 (1) (a) The voter returns to the polling place during
177 the uniform polling hours established by section 115.407 and
178 provides a form of personal identification that allows the
179 election judges to verify the voter's identity as provided
180 in subsection 1 of this section; or

181 (b) The election authority verifies the identity of
182 the individual by comparing that individual's signature to
183 the signature on file with the election authority and
184 determines that the individual was eligible to cast a ballot
185 at the polling place where the ballot was cast; and

186 (2) The provisional ballot otherwise qualifies to be
187 counted under section 115.430.

188 5. [The secretary of state shall provide advance
189 notice of the personal identification requirements of
190 subsection 1 of this section in a manner calculated to
191 inform the public generally of the requirement for forms of
192 personal identification as provided in this section. Such
193 advance notice shall include, at a minimum, the use of
194 advertisements and public service announcements in print,
195 broadcast television, radio, and cable television media, as
196 well as the posting of information on the opening pages of
197 the official state internet websites of the secretary of
198 state and governor.]

199 6.] (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section
200 136.055 and section 302.181 to the contrary, the state and
201 all fee offices shall provide one nondriver's license at no

202 cost to any otherwise qualified voter who does not already
203 possess such identification and who desires the
204 identification [in order to vote] **for voting**.

205 (2) This state and its agencies shall provide one copy
206 of each of the following, free of charge, if needed by an
207 individual seeking to obtain a form of personal
208 identification described in subsection 1 of this section [in
209 order to vote] **for voting**:

- 210 (a) A birth certificate;
- 211 (b) A marriage license or certificate;
- 212 (c) A divorce decree;
- 213 (d) A certificate of decree of adoption;
- 214 (e) A court order changing the person's name;
- 215 (f) A Social Security card reflecting an updated name;

216 and

217 (g) Naturalization papers or other documents from the
218 United States Department of State proving citizenship.

219 Any individual seeking one of the above documents in order
220 to obtain a form of personal identification described in
221 subsection 1 of this section [in order to vote] **for voting**
222 may request the secretary of state to facilitate the
223 acquisition of such documents. The secretary of state shall
224 pay any fee or fees charged by another state or its
225 agencies, or any court of competent jurisdiction in this
226 state or any other state, or the federal government or its
227 agencies, in order to obtain any of the above documents from
228 such state or the federal government.

229 (3) [All costs associated with the implementation of
230 this section shall be reimbursed from the general revenue of
231 this state by an appropriation for that purpose. If there
232 is not a sufficient appropriation of state funds, then the

233 personal identification requirements of subsection 1 of this
234 section shall not be enforced.

235 (4)] Any applicant who requests a nondriver's license
236 for [the purpose of] voting shall not be required to pay a
237 fee [if the applicant executes a statement, under penalty of
238 perjury, averring that the applicant does not have any other
239 form of personal identification that meets the requirements
240 of this section]. The state of Missouri shall pay the
241 legally required fees for any such applicant. [The director
242 of the department of revenue shall design a statement to be
243 used for this purpose. The total cost associated with
244 nondriver's license photo identification under this
245 subsection shall be borne by the state of Missouri from
246 funds appropriated to the department of revenue for that
247 specific purpose.] The department of revenue and a local
248 election authority may enter into a contract that allows the
249 local election authority to assist the department in issuing
250 nondriver's license photo identifications.

251 [7.] 6. The director of the department of revenue
252 shall, by January first of each year, prepare and deliver to
253 each member of the general assembly a report documenting the
254 number of individuals who have requested and received a
255 nondriver's license photo identification for the purposes of
256 voting under this section. The report shall also include
257 the number of persons requesting a nondriver's license for
258 purposes of voting under this section, but not receiving
259 such license, and the reason for the denial of the
260 nondriver's license.

261 [8.] 7. The precinct register shall serve as the voter
262 identification certificate. The following form shall be
263 printed at the top of each page of the precinct register:

264 VOTER'S IDENTIFICATION CERTIFICATE

265 Warning: It is against the law for anyone to vote,
 266 or attempt to vote, without having a lawful right
 267 to vote.

268 PRECINCT

269 WARD OR TOWNSHIP _____

270 GENERAL (SPECIAL, PRIMARY) ELECTION

271 Held _____, 20_____

272 Date

273 I hereby certify that I am qualified to vote at
 274 this election by signing my name and verifying my
 275 address by signing my initials next to my address.

276 [9.] 8. The secretary of state shall promulgate rules
 277 to effectuate the provisions of this section.

278 [10.] 9. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term
 279 is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the
 280 authority delegated in this section shall become effective
 281 only if it complies with and is subject to all of the
 282 provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section
 283 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and
 284 if any of the powers vested with the general assembly
 285 pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective
 286 date or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held
 287 unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and
 288 any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2002, shall be
 289 invalid and void.

290 [11.] 10. If any voter is unable to sign his name at
 291 the appropriate place on the certificate or computer
 292 printout, an election judge shall print the name and address
 293 of the voter in the appropriate place on the precinct
 294 register, the voter shall make his mark in lieu of

295 signature, and the voter's mark shall be witnessed by the
296 signature of an election judge.

297 [12. This section shall become effective only upon the
298 passage and approval by the voters of a constitutional
299 amendment submitted to them by the general assembly
300 regarding the authorization of photo identification
301 requirements for elections by general law. If such
302 constitutional amendment is approved by the voters, this
303 section shall become effective June 1, 2017.]

115.435. After initialing the voter's identification
2 certificate and after completing any procedures required by
3 section 115.433, the election judges shall allow the voter
4 to proceed to the voting booth and vote. **Once the ballot
5 has been completed by the voter and he or she successfully
6 submits the ballot into the ballot box, the ballot is deemed
7 cast.**

115.447. 1. As used in this subchapter, unless the
2 context clearly implies otherwise, the following terms shall
3 mean:

4 (1) "Counting judges" are the two judges, one from
5 each major political party, who read each vote received by
6 all candidates and each vote for and against all questions
7 at a polling place;

8 (2) "Receiving judges" are the two judges, one from
9 each major political party, who initial each voter's ballot
10 at a polling place;

11 (3) "Recording judges" are the two judges, one from
12 each major political party, who tally the votes received by
13 each candidate and for and against each question at a
14 polling place. These terms describe functions rather than
15 individuals, and any election judge may perform more than
16 one function at a polling place on election day.

17 2. As used in this subchapter, unless the context
18 clearly implies otherwise, the following terms shall mean:

19 (1) "Defective ballot" is any ballot [card] on which
20 the number of write-in votes and votes cast on the ballot
21 [card] for any office exceed the number allowed by law, and
22 any ballot [card] which is bent or damaged so that it cannot
23 be properly counted by automatic tabulating equipment;

24 (2) "Rejected ballot" is any ballot on which no votes
25 are counted because the ballot fails to have the initials of
26 the proper election judges, because the number of votes for
27 all offices and on all questions exceeds the number
28 authorized by law, because the voter is deemed by the
29 election judges to be unqualified, because it is an absentee
30 ballot not accompanied by a completed and signed affidavit,
31 or because the ballot was voted with unlawful assistance;

32 (3) "Spoiled ballot" is any ballot accidentally
33 spoiled by a voter and replaced by election judges in the
34 manner provided in subsection 2 of section 115.439.

 115.652. [1.] An election shall not be conducted
2 under sections 115.650 to 115.660 unless:

3 (1) The officer or agency calling the election submits
4 a written request that the election be conducted by mail.
5 Such request shall be submitted not later than the date
6 specified in section 115.125 for submission of the notice of
7 election and sample ballot;

8 (2) The election authority responsible for conducting
9 the election authorizes the use of mailed ballots for the
10 election;

11 (3) The election is nonpartisan;

12 (4) The election is not one at which any candidate is
13 elected, retained or recalled; and

14 (5) The election is an issue election at which all of
15 the qualified voters of any one political subdivision are
16 the only voters eligible to vote.

17 [2. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1 of
18 this section or any other provision of law to the contrary,
19 an election may be conducted by mail as authorized under
20 section 115.302, during the year 2020, to avoid the risk of
21 contracting or transmitting severe acute respiratory
22 syndrome coronavirus 2. This subsection shall expire
23 December 31, 2020.]

 115.902. As used in sections 115.900 to 115.936, the
2 following terms shall mean:

3 (1) "Covered voter":

4 (a) A uniformed services voter who is registered to
5 vote in this state;

6 (b) A uniformed services voter defined in this section
7 whose voting residence is in this state and who otherwise
8 satisfies this state's voter eligibility requirements; or

9 (c) An overseas voter;

10 (2) "Dependent", an individual recognized as a
11 dependent by a uniformed service;

12 (3) "Federal postcard application", the application
13 prescribed under Section 101(b)(2) of the Uniformed and
14 Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 42 U.S.C. Section
15 1973ff(b)(2);

16 (4) "Federal write-in absentee ballot", the ballot
17 described in Section 103 of the Uniformed and Overseas
18 Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 1973ff-2;

19 (5) "Military-overseas ballot":

20 (a) A federal write-in absentee ballot;

21 (b) A ballot specifically prepared or distributed for
22 use by a covered voter in accordance with sections 115.900
23 to 115.936; and

24 (c) A ballot cast by a covered voter in accordance
25 with sections 115.900 to 115.936;

26 (6) "Overseas voter":

27 (a) A person who resides outside the United States and
28 is qualified to vote in the last place in which the person
29 was domiciled before leaving the United States; or

30 (b) A person who resides outside the United States
31 and, but for such residence, would be qualified to vote in
32 the last place in which the person was domiciled before
33 leaving the United States;

34 (7) "State", a state of the United States, the
35 District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin
36 Islands, or any territory or insular possession subject to
37 the jurisdiction of the United States;

38 (8) "Uniformed services":

39 (a) Active and reserve components of the Army, Navy,
40 Air Force, Marine Corps, **Space Force**, or Coast Guard of the
41 United States;

42 (b) The Merchant Marine, the commissioned corps of the
43 Public Health Service, or the commissioned corps of the
44 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the
45 United States; or

46 (c) The Missouri National Guard;

47 (9) "Uniformed services voter", an individual who is
48 qualified to vote and is:

49 (a) A member of the active or reserve components of
50 the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, **Space Force**, or
51 Coast Guard of the United States who is on active duty;

52 (b) A member of the Merchant Marine, the commissioned
53 corps of the Public Health Service, or the commissioned
54 corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
55 of the United States;

56 (c) A member on activated status of the National
57 Guard; or

58 (d) A spouse or dependent of a member referred to in
59 this subdivision;

60 (10) "United States", used in the territorial sense,
61 the several states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico,
62 the United States Virgin Islands, and any territory or
63 insular possession subject to the jurisdiction of the United
64 States.

115.960. 1. An election authority is authorized to
2 accept voter registration applications with a signature
3 submitted to the election authority under the provisions of
4 sections 432.200 to 432.295 as provided in this section:

5 (1) Sections 432.200 to 432.295 shall only apply to
6 transactions between parties that have agreed to conduct
7 transactions by electronic means;

8 (2) Except as provided in subsection 2 of this
9 section, as used in this section and sections 432.200 to
10 432.295, the parties who agree to conduct voter registration
11 transactions by electronic means shall be the local election
12 authority who is required to accept or reject a voter
13 registration application and the prospective voter
14 submitting the application;

15 (3) A local election authority is authorized to
16 develop, maintain, and approve systems that transmit voter
17 registration applications electronically under sections
18 432.200 to 432.295;

19 (4) Except as provided in subsection 2 of this section
20 **and section 115.160**, no officer, agency, or organization
21 shall collect or submit a voter registration application
22 with an electronic signature to an election authority
23 without first obtaining approval of the data and signature
24 format from the local election authority and the approval of
25 the voter to collect and store the signature and data; and

26 (5) Local election authorities who maintain a voter
27 registration application system shall direct voter
28 registration applicants from other jurisdictions to the
29 system used by the local election authority for that
30 jurisdiction to accept voter registration applications
31 electronically.

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

36 (1) Within thirty days of, but in no event prior to
37 January 1, 2017, the president of the Missouri Association
38 of County Clerks and Election Authorities shall appoint
39 fourteen of its members to serve on a committee to approve
40 and develop uniform standards, systems, and modifications
41 that shall be used by the secretary of state in any
42 electronic voter registration application system offered by
43 that office. The committee may also make recommendations
44 regarding the purchase, maintenance, integration, and
45 operation of electronic databases, software, and hardware
46 used by local election authorities and the secretary of
47 state's office including, but not limited to, systems used
48 for military and overseas voting and for building and
49 conducting election operations. The committee shall have
50 fourteen local election authorities, including

51 representatives of each classification of counties, a
52 representative from an election board, and at least one
53 member who has experience processing online voter
54 registration transactions. In addition, one representative
55 appointed by the secretary of state's office shall serve on
56 the committee;

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

61 (3) Once the format and data collection standards are
62 approved by the committee and implemented for the system
63 maintained by the secretary of state, local election
64 authorities shall accept the transmission of voter
65 registration applications submitted to the approved system
66 under the provisions of sections 432.200 to 432.295;

67 (4) The secretary of state's office shall direct
68 eligible voters to a local election authority's system to
69 accept voter registration applications electronically if the
70 local election authority has a system in place as of August
71 28, 2016, or implements a system that meets the same
72 standards and format that has been approved by the committee
73 for the secretary of state's system;

74 (5) The committee shall meet not less than
75 semiannually through June 30, 2019, to recommend and approve
76 changes and enhancements proposed by the secretary of state
77 or election authorities to the electronic voter registration
78 application system. Vacancies that occur on the committee
79 shall be filled by the president of the Missouri Association
80 of County Clerks and Election Authorities at the time of the
81 vacancy;

82 (6) To improve the accuracy of voter registration
83 application data and reduce costs for local election
84 authorities, the system maintained by the secretary of state
85 shall, as soon as is practical, provide a method where the
86 data entered by the voter registration applicant does not
87 have to be re-entered by the election authority to the state
88 voter registration database.

89 3. Each applicant who registers using an approved
90 electronic voter registration application system shall be
91 deemed to be registered as of the date the signed
92 application is submitted to the system, if such application
93 is accepted and not rejected by the election authority and
94 the verification notice required under section 115.155 is
95 not returned as undeliverable by the postal service.

96 4. This section shall not apply to voter registration
97 and absentee records submitted by voters authorized under
98 federal law, section 115.291, or sections 115.900 to 115.936
99 to submit electronic records and signatures.

100 5. High quality copies, including electronic copies,
101 of signatures made on paper documents may be used for
102 petition signature verification purposes and retained as
103 records.

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

106 7. **[Notwithstanding the provisions of section 432.230]**
107 **Except as provided under sections 115.160 and 432.230,**
108 nothing in this section shall require the election authority
109 to accept voter registration records or signatures created,
110 generated, sent, communicated, received, stored, or
111 otherwise processed, or used by electronic means or in
112 electronic form from any officer, agency, or organization
113 not authorized under subsection 2 of this section without

114 prior approval from the election authority. **Election**
115 **authorities shall accept and process voter registration**
116 **records, including electronic images of applicant**
117 **signatures, transmitted electronically by the division of**
118 **motor vehicle and drivers licensing of the department of**
119 **revenue under section 115.160.** Except as provided in
120 subsection 2 of this section **and section 115.160,** no
121 officer, agency, or organization shall give the voter the
122 opportunity to submit a voter registration application with
123 an electronic signature without first obtaining the approval
124 of the local election authority.

125 8. An election authority that agrees to conduct a
126 transaction by electronic means may refuse to conduct other
127 transactions by electronic means.

128 9. No election authority or the secretary of state
129 shall furnish to any member of the public any data collected
130 under a voter registration application system except as
131 authorized in subsections 1 to 5 of section 115.157.

132 10. Nothing in this section shall be construed to
133 require the secretary of state to cease operating a voter
134 registration application in place as of the effective date
135 of this act.

2 [115.302. 1. Any registered voter of this
3 state may cast a mail-in ballot as provided in
4 this section. Nothing in this section shall
5 prevent a voter from casting an absentee ballot,
6 provided such person has not cast a ballot
7 pursuant to this section. Application for a
8 mail-in ballot may be made by the applicant in
9 person, or by United States mail, or on behalf
10 of the applicant by his or her guardian or
11 relative within the second degree of
12 consanguinity or affinity.

13 2. Each application for a mail-in ballot
14 shall be made to the election authority of the
15 jurisdiction in which the person is registered.
16 Each application shall be in writing and shall
state the applicant's name, address at which he

17 or she is registered, the address to which the
18 ballot is to be mailed.

19 3. All applications for mail-in ballots
20 received prior to the sixth Tuesday before an
21 election shall be stored at the office of the
22 election authority until such time as the
23 applications are processed under section
24 115.281. No application for a mail-in ballot
25 received in the office of the election authority
26 after 5:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday
27 immediately prior to the election shall be
28 accepted by any election authority.

29 4. Each application for a mail-in ballot
30 shall be signed by the applicant or, if the
31 application is made by a guardian or relative
32 under this section, the application shall be
33 signed by the guardian or relative, who shall
34 note on the application his or her relationship
35 to the applicant. If an applicant, guardian, or
36 relative is blind, unable to read or write the
37 English language, or physically incapable of
38 signing the application, he or she shall sign by
39 mark that is witnessed by the signature of an
40 election official or person of his or her
41 choice. Knowingly making, delivering, or
42 mailing a fraudulent mail-in-ballot application
43 is a class one election offense.

44 5. Not later than the sixth Tuesday prior
45 to each election, or within fourteen days after
46 candidate names or questions are certified under
47 section 115.125, the election authority shall
48 cause to have printed and made available a
49 sufficient quantity of ballots, ballot
50 envelopes, and mailing envelopes. As soon as
51 possible after a proper official calls a special
52 state or county election, the election authority
53 shall cause to have printed and made available a
54 sufficient quantity of mail-in ballots, ballot
55 envelopes, and mailing envelopes.

56 6. Each ballot envelope shall bear a
57 statement in substantially the same form
58 described in subsection 9 of this section. In
59 addition, any person providing assistance to the
60 mail-in voter shall include a signature on the
61 envelope identifying the person providing such
62 assistance under penalties of perjury. Persons
63 authorized to vote only for federal and
64 statewide offices shall also state their former
65 Missouri residence.

66 7. The statement for persons voting mail-
67 in ballots who are registered voters shall be in
68 substantially the following form:

69 State of Missouri

70 County (City) of _____

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

85 _____

86 Signature of Voter Signature of Person

87 Assisting Voter

88 (if applicable)

89 Subscribed and sworn to before me this
 90 _____ day of _____, _____.

91 _____

92 Signature of notary or other officer
 93 authorized to administer oaths.

94 _____

95 _____

96 Mailing addresses

97 (if different)

98 8. Upon receipt of a signed application
 99 for a mail-in ballot and if satisfied that the
 100 applicant is entitled to vote by mail-in ballot,
 101 the election authority shall, within three
 102 working days after receiving the application,
 103 or, if mail-in ballots are not available at the
 104 time the application is received, within five
 105 working days after such ballots become
 106 available, deliver to the voter a mail-in
 107 ballot, ballot envelope and such instructions as
 108 are necessary for the applicant to vote. If the
 109 election authority is not satisfied that any
 110 applicant is entitled to vote by mail-in ballot,
 111 the authority shall not deliver a mail-in ballot
 112 to the applicant. Within three working days of
 113 receiving such an application, the election
 114 authority shall notify the applicant and state
 115 the reason he or she is not entitled to vote by
 116 mail-in ballot. The applicant may file a

117 complaint with the elections division of the
118 secretary of state's office under section
119 115.219.

120 9. On the mailing and ballot envelopes for
121 each covered voter, the election authority shall
122 stamp the words "ELECTION BALLOT, STATE OF
123 MISSOURI" and "U.S. Postage Paid, 39 U.S.C.
124 Section 3406".

125 10. No information which encourages a vote
126 for or against a candidate or issue shall be
127 provided to any voter with a mail-in ballot.

128 11. Upon receiving a mail-in ballot by
129 mail, the voter shall mark the ballot in secret,
130 place the ballot in the ballot envelope, seal
131 the envelope and fill out the statement on the
132 ballot envelope. The statement required under
133 subsection 7 of this section shall be subscribed
134 and sworn to before a notary public or other
135 officer authorized by law to administer oaths.
136 If the voter is blind, unable to read or write
137 the English language, or physically incapable of
138 voting the ballot, the voter may be assisted by
139 a person of the voter's own choosing. Any
140 person who assists a voter and in any manner
141 coerces or initiates a request or suggestion
142 that the voter vote for or against, or refrain
143 from voting on, any question or candidate, shall
144 be guilty of a class one election offense. If,
145 upon counting, challenge, or election contest,
146 it is ascertained that any mail-in ballot was
147 voted with unlawful assistance, the ballot shall
148 be rejected.

149 12. Each mail-in ballot shall be returned
150 to the election authority in the ballot envelope
151 and shall only be returned by the voter by
152 United States mail.

153 13. The secretary of state may prescribe
154 uniform regulations with respect to the printing
155 of ballot envelopes and mailing envelopes, which
156 shall comply with standards established by
157 federal law or postal regulations. Mailing
158 envelopes for use in returning ballots shall be
159 printed with business reply permits so that any
160 ballot returned by mail does not require
161 postage. All fees and costs for establishing
162 and maintaining the business reply and postage-
163 free mail for all ballots cast shall be paid by
164 the secretary of state through state
165 appropriations.

166 14. All votes on each mail-in ballot
167 received by an election authority at or before
168 the time fixed by law for the closing of the
169 polls on election day shall be counted. No
170 votes on any mail-in ballot received by an
171 election authority after the time fixed by law
172 for the closing of the polls on election day
173 shall be counted.

174 15. If sufficient evidence is shown to an
175 election authority that any mail-in voter has
176 died prior to the opening of the polls on
177 election day, the ballot of the deceased voter
178 shall be rejected if it is still sealed in the
179 ballot envelope. Any such rejected ballot,
180 still sealed in its ballot envelope, shall be
181 sealed with the application and any other papers
182 connected therewith in an envelope marked
183 "Rejected ballot of _____, a mail-in voter
184 of _____ voting district". The reason for
185 rejection shall be noted on the envelope, which
186 shall be kept by the election authority with the
187 other ballots from the election until the
188 ballots are destroyed according to law.

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

192 17. All mail-in ballot envelopes received
193 by the election authority shall be kept together
194 in a safe place and shall not be opened except
195 as provided under this chapter.

196 18. Mail-in ballots shall be counted using
197 the procedures set out in sections 115.297,
198 115.299, 115.300, and 115.303.

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

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

211 21. The provisions of this section
212 terminate and shall be repealed on December 31,
213 2020, and shall not apply to any election
214 conducted after that date.]

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