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HOUSE BILL NO. 2082

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE STACY.

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 115.155, 115.157, and 115.163, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof five new sections relating to political party affiliation, with penalty provisions.

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

Section A. Sections 115.155, 115.157, and 115.163, RSMo, are repealed and five new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 115.155, 115.157, 115.163, 115.168, and 115.628, to read as follows:

115.155. 1. The election authority shall provide for the registration of each voter. Each application shall be in substantially the following form:

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION
Are you a citizen of the United States?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Will you be 18 years of age on or before election day?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
IF YOU CHECKED "NO" IN RESPONSE TO EITHER OF THESE QUESTIONS, DO NOT COMPLETE THIS FORM.
IF YOU ARE SUBMITTING THIS FORM BY MAIL AND ARE REGISTERING FOR THE FIRST TIME, PLEASE SUBMIT A COPY OF A CURRENT, VALID PHOTO IDENTIFICATION. IF YOU DO NOT SUBMIT SUCH INFORMATION, YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO PRESENT ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATION UPON VOTING FOR THE FIRST TIME SUCH AS A BIRTH CERTIFICATE, A NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBAL DOCUMENT,

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

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OTHER PROOF OF UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP, A VALID MISSOURI DRIVERS LICENSE OR OTHER FORM OF PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION.	
_____	_____
	Township (or Ward)
_____	_____
Name	Precinct
_____	_____
Home Address	Required Personal Identification Information

City ZIP	
_____	_____
Date of Birth	Place of Birth (Optional)
_____	_____
Telephone Number (Optional)	Mother's Maiden Name (Optional)
_____	_____
Occupation (Optional)	Last Place Previously Registered
_____	_____
Last four digits of Social Security Number (Required for registration unless no Social Security number exists for Applicant)	Under What Name
Remarks:	_____
	When
	<input type="checkbox"/> Constitutional
Political Party Affiliation (You shall be unaffiliated unless	<input type="checkbox"/> Democrat
	<input type="checkbox"/> Green
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you designate an	<input type="checkbox"/> Republican
affiliation.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaffiliated
I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the state of Missouri. I have not been adjudged incapacitated by any court of law. If I have been convicted of a felony or of a misdemeanor connected with the right of suffrage, I have had the voting disabilities resulting from such conviction removed pursuant to law. I do solemnly swear that all statements made on this card are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.	
I UNDERSTAND THAT IF I REGISTER TO VOTE KNOWING THAT I AM NOT LEGALLY ENTITLED TO REGISTER, I AM COMMITTING A CLASS ONE ELECTION OFFENSE AND MAY BE PUNISHED BY IMPRISONMENT OF NOT MORE THAN FIVE YEARS OR BY A FINE OF BETWEEN TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS OR BY BOTH SUCH IMPRISONMENT AND FINE.	
_____	_____
Signature of Voter	Date

Signature of Election Official	

73 2. **The options for political party affiliation required by the application**
74 **described in subsection 1 of this section shall include all established political parties and**
75 **an option to be unaffiliated. If an applicant does not designate an affiliation, the election**
76 **authority shall mark the applicant's form as unaffiliated.**

77 3. After supplying all information necessary for the registration records, each
78 applicant who appears in person before the election authority shall swear or affirm the
79 statements on the registration application by signing his or her full name, witnessed by the
80 signature of the election authority or such authority's deputy registration official. Each
81 applicant who applies to register by mail pursuant to section 115.159, or pursuant to section
82 115.160 or 115.162, shall attest to the statements on the application by his or her signature.

83 [3-] 4. Upon receipt by mail of a completed and signed voter registration application,
84 a voter registration application forwarded by the division of motor vehicle and drivers
85 licensing of the department of revenue pursuant to section 115.160, or a voter registration
86 agency pursuant to section 115.162, the election authority shall, if satisfied that the applicant
87 is entitled to register, transfer all data necessary for the registration records from the
88 application to its registration system. Within seven business days after receiving the

89 application, the election authority shall send the applicant a verification notice. If such notice
90 is returned as undeliverable by the postal service within the time established by the election
91 authority, the election authority shall not place the applicant's name on the voter registration
92 file.

93 ~~[4.]~~ 5. If, upon receipt by mail of a voter registration application or a voter
94 registration application forwarded pursuant to section 115.160 or 115.162, the election
95 authority determines that the applicant is not entitled to register, such authority shall, within
96 seven business days after receiving the application, so notify the applicant by mail and state
97 the reason such authority has determined the applicant is not qualified. The applicant may
98 file a complaint with the elections division of the secretary of state's office under and pursuant
99 to section 115.219. If an applicant for voter registration fails to answer the question on the
100 application concerning United States citizenship, the election authority shall notify the
101 applicant of the failure and provide the applicant with an opportunity to complete the form in
102 a timely manner to allow for the completion of the registration form before the next election.

103 ~~[5.]~~ 6. The secretary of state shall prescribe specifications for voter registration
104 documents so that they are uniform throughout the state of Missouri and comply with the
105 National Voter Registration Act of 1993, including the reporting requirements, and so that
106 registrations, name changes and transfers of registrations within the state may take place as
107 allowed by law.

108 ~~[6.]~~ 7. All voter registration applications shall be preserved in the office of the
109 election authority.

110 115.157. 1. The election authority may place all information on any registration cards
111 in computerized form in accordance with section 115.158. No election authority or secretary
112 of state shall furnish to any member of the public electronic media or printout showing any
113 registration information, except as provided in this section. Except as provided in subsection
114 2 of this section, the election authority or secretary of state shall make available electronic
115 media or printouts showing unique voter identification numbers, voters' names, dates of birth,
116 addresses, townships or wards, and precincts. Electronic data shall be maintained in at least
117 the following separate fields:

- 118 (1) Voter identification number;
- 119 (2) First name;
- 120 (3) Middle initial;
- 121 (4) Last name;
- 122 (5) Suffix;
- 123 (6) Street number;
- 124 (7) Street direction;
- 125 (8) Street name;

- 17 (9) Street suffix;
- 18 (10) Apartment number;
- 19 (11) City;
- 20 (12) State;
- 21 (13) Zip code;
- 22 (14) Township;
- 23 (15) Ward;
- 24 (16) Precinct;
- 25 (17) Senatorial district;
- 26 (18) Representative district;
- 27 (19) Congressional district; **and**
- 28 **(20) Political party affiliation.**

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

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

40 4. Except as provided in subsection 6 of this section, upon a request by a candidate, a
41 duly authorized representative of a campaign committee, or a political party committee, the
42 secretary of state shall furnish, for a fee determined by the secretary of state and in
43 compliance with section 610.026, media in an electronic format or, if so requested, in a
44 printed format, showing the names, addresses, [~~and~~] voter identification numbers, **and**
45 **political party affiliations** of voters within the jurisdiction of a specific election authority
46 who applied for an absentee ballot under section 115.279 for any specific election involving a
47 ballot measure or an office for which the declaration of candidacy is required to be filed with
48 the secretary of state pursuant to section 115.353, including primary elections, by township,
49 ward, or precinct. Nothing in this section shall require such voter information to be released
50 to the public over the internet. For purposes of this section, the terms "candidate", "campaign
51 committee", and "political party committee" shall have the same meaning given to such terms
52 in section 130.011.

53 5. The amount of fees charged for information provided in this section shall be
54 established pursuant to chapter 610. All revenues collected by the secretary of state pursuant
55 to this section shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the secretary of state's
56 technology trust fund account established pursuant to section 28.160. In even-numbered
57 years, each election authority shall, upon request, supply the voter registration list for its
58 jurisdiction to all candidates and party committees for a charge established pursuant to
59 chapter 610. Except as provided in subsection 6 of this section, all election authorities shall
60 make the information described in this section available pursuant to chapter 610. Any
61 election authority who fails to comply with the requirements of this section shall be subject to
62 the provisions of chapter 610.

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

115.163. 1. Each election authority shall use the Missouri voter registration system
2 established by section 115.158 to prepare a list of legally registered voters for each precinct.
3 The list shall be arranged alphabetically or by street address as the election authority
4 determines and shall be known as the precinct register. The precinct registers shall be kept by
5 the election authority in a secure place, except when given to election judges for use at an

6 election. Except as provided in subsection 6 of section 115.157, all registration records shall
7 be open to inspection by the public at all reasonable times.

8 2. A new precinct register shall be prepared by the election authority prior to each
9 election.

10 3. **(1)** The election authority shall send to each voter, except those who registered by
11 mail and have not voted, a voter identification card no later than ninety days prior to the date
12 of a primary or general election for federal office, unless the voter has received such a card
13 during the preceding six months. The election authority shall send to each voter who
14 registered by mail and has not voted the verification notice required under section 115.155 no
15 later than ninety days prior to the date of a primary or general election for federal office.

16 **(2)** The voter identification card shall contain the voter's name, address, **political**
17 **party affiliation**, and precinct. The card also shall inform the voter of the personal
18 identification requirement in section 115.427 and may also contain other voting information
19 at the discretion of the election authority.

20 **(3)** The voter identification card shall be sent to a voter, except those who registered
21 by mail and have not voted, after a new registration or a change of address. If any voter,
22 except those who registered by mail and have not voted, shall lose his **or her** voter
23 identification card **or change political party affiliation**, he **or she** may request a new ~~one~~
24 **card** from the election authority.

25 **(4)** The voter identification card authorized pursuant to this section may be used as a
26 canvass of voters in lieu of the provisions set out in sections 115.179 to 115.193.

27 **(5)** Except as provided in subsection 2 of section 115.157, anyone, upon request and
28 payment of a reasonable fee, may obtain a printout, list and/or computer tape of those newly
29 registered voters or voters deleted from the voting rolls, since the last canvass or updating of
30 the rolls.

31 **(6)** The election authority may authorize the use of the postal service contractors
32 under the federal National Change of Address program to identify those voters whose address
33 is not correct on the voter registration records. The election authority shall not be required to
34 mail a voter registration card to those voters whose addresses are incorrect. Confirmation
35 notices to such voters required by section 115.193 shall be sent to the corrected address
36 provided by the National Change of Address program.

**115.168. 1. If a registered voter chooses to change his or her political party
2 affiliation, the voter may notify the election authority of such change. Any change of
3 political party affiliation shall be made by signed, written notice in substantially the
4 same manner as a change of address application is filed under section 115.165.**

5 **2. For purposes of this section, the phrase "change his or her political party
6 affiliation" shall mean changing affiliation from one established political party to**

7 another established political party, changing from affiliation with an established
8 political party to unaffiliated, or changing from unaffiliated to affiliation with an
9 established political party.

115.628. 1. The secretary of state shall maintain voter registration records in
2 accordance with the Missouri voter registration system defined under section 115.158.

3 2. Local election authorities shall notify registered voters of the political party
4 affiliation opportunities of this section prior to the August, 2026, primary election by
5 using all current election mailings that would otherwise be mailed to registered voters.

6 3. Beginning January 1, 2023, the voter registration application form shall be
7 amended to include a choice of political party affiliation.

8 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, this section shall
9 provide that initial political party registration be determined by the political party
10 ballot chosen by the voter in the 2024 presidential preference primary and the August,
11 2024, primaries. Appropriate software shall be provided at voter check-in for political
12 party ballot selection so as to minimize later data entry for election authorities. Voters
13 who have not declared a party affiliation before the 2024 general election shall have the
14 option to do so using the appropriate software during voter check-in for such election.
15 The election authority shall process this initial political party registration through its
16 normal means of administration before September 1, 2025.

17 5. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, all current
18 processes for registering voters in the various counties shall remain in place.

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