

## SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 1415

AN ACT

To repeal section 115.085, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to election judges, with an effective date.

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

Section A. Section 115.085, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 115.085, to read as follows:

115.085. 1. For purposes of this section, the following terms mean:

(1) "Military", the Armed Forces of the United States, including the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy, Space Force, National Guard, and any other military branch that is designated by Congress as part of the Armed Forces of the United States, and all reserve components and auxiliaries. The term "military" also includes the military reserves and militia of any United States territory or state;

(2) "Nonresident military spouse", a nonresident spouse of an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who has been transferred to the state of Missouri, or who has been transferred to an adjacent state and is or will be domiciled in the state of Missouri, or has moved to the state of Missouri on a permanent change-of-station basis.

2. No person shall be appointed to serve as an election judge who is not a registered voter in this state or a military service member on active duty in this state or a nonresident military spouse. Each election judge shall be a person of good repute and character who can speak, read,

and write the English language. No person shall serve as an election judge at any polling place in which his or her name or the name of a relative within the second degree, by consanguinity or affinity, appears on the ballot. However, no relative of any unopposed candidate shall be disqualified from serving as an election judge in any election jurisdiction of the state. No election judge shall, during his or her term of office, hold any other elective public office, other than as a member of a political party committee or township office, except any person who is elected to a board or commission of a political subdivision or special district may serve as an election judge except at a polling place where such political subdivision or special district has an issue or candidate on the ballot. In any county having a population of less than two hundred fifty thousand inhabitants, any candidate for the county committee of a political party who is not a candidate for any other office and who is unopposed for election as a member of the committee shall not be disqualified from serving as an election judge.

Section B. Section A of this act shall become effective on January 1, 2025.