

SENATE BILL NO. 210

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR BEAN.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

To repeal section 115.295, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to absentee ballots.

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

Section A. Section 115.295, RSMo, is repealed and one new
2 section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 115.295,
3 to read as follows:

115.295. 1. As each absentee ballot is received by
2 the election authority, the election authority shall
3 indicate its receipt on the list.

4 2. If the statements on any ballot envelope have not
5 been completed[, the absentee ballot in the envelope shall
6 **be rejected**] **or the envelope has not been notarized as**
7 **required by section 115.291, the election authority shall**
8 **notify the voter of the incomplete information by all means**
9 **reasonably calculated to make contact with the voter,**
10 **including, but not limited to, postal mail, telephone, and**
11 **electronic mail. The notice shall include a description of**
12 **the missing information and instructions for how the voter**
13 **can provide the missing information to the election**
14 **authority.**

15 3. The election authority shall allow the voter to
16 supply the missing information by either visiting the office
17 of the election authority in person or by completing an
18 affidavit that includes the missing information. The

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

19 secretary of state shall develop the form of the affidavit
20 for use by voters to supply the missing information as
21 described in this section.

22 4. Only an employee of the election authority may
23 contact the voter concerning missing ballot envelope
24 information. An election authority may not authorize any
25 third-party organization to contact voters concerning
26 missing ballot envelope information.

27 5. Voters may provide missing information for the
28 ballot envelope only once the envelope containing the ballot
29 has been received in the office of the election authority.
30 No person may change any selections on the ballot contained
31 within the envelope once it is initially received in the
32 office of the election authority.

33 6. If the voter provides the missing information by
34 either method described above no later than the close of
35 polls on election day, the ballot shall be accepted for
36 counting according to the requirements of section 115.299.
37 If the voter fails to provide the missing information by the
38 close of polls on election day, the ballot shall be rejected.

39 [3.] 7. All ballot envelopes received by the election
40 authority shall be kept together in a safe place and shall
41 not be opened except as provided in this subchapter.

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