

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

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1 AMEND House Bill No. 1455, Page 1, Section A, Line 2, by inserting after all of said section and
2 line the following:

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4 "115.277. 1. Except as provided in subsections 2, 3, 4, and 5 of this section, any registered
5 voter of this state may vote by absentee ballot for all candidates and issues for which such voter
6 would be eligible to vote at the polling place if such voter expects to be prevented from going to the
7 polls to vote on election day due to:

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

10 (2) Incapacity or confinement due to illness or physical disability, including a person who is
11 primarily responsible for the physical care of a person who is incapacitated or confined due to
12 illness or disability;

13 (3) Religious belief or practice;

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

16 (5) Incarceration, provided all qualifications for voting are retained;

17 (6) Certified participation in the address confidentiality program established under sections
18 589.660 to 589.681 because of safety concerns; or

19 (7) ~~[For an election that occurs during the year 2020, the voter has contracted or is in an at-~~
20 ~~risk category for contracting or transmitting severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2. This~~
21 ~~subdivision shall expire on December 31, 2020]~~ Employment, the nature of which prevents the voter
22 from utilizing the provisions of section 115.639.

23 2. Any covered voter who is eligible to register and vote in this state may vote in any
24 election for federal office, statewide office, state legislative office, or statewide ballot initiatives by
25 submitting a federal postcard application to apply to vote by absentee ballot or by submitting a
26 federal postcard application at the polling place even though the person is not registered. A federal
27 postcard application submitted by a covered voter pursuant to this subsection shall also serve as a
28 voter registration application under section 115.908 and the election authority shall, if satisfied that
29 the applicant is entitled to register, place the voter's name on the voter registration file. Each
30 covered voter may vote by absentee ballot or, upon submitting an affidavit that the person is

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1 qualified to vote in the election, may vote at the person's polling place.

2 3. Any interstate former resident may vote by absentee ballot for presidential and vice
3 presidential electors.

4 4. Any intrastate new resident may vote by absentee ballot at the election for presidential
5 and vice presidential electors, United States senator, representative in Congress, statewide elected
6 officials and statewide questions, propositions and amendments from such resident's new
7 jurisdiction of residence after registering to vote in such resident's new jurisdiction of residence.

8 5. Any new resident may vote by absentee ballot for presidential and vice presidential
9 electors after registering to vote in such resident's new jurisdiction of residence.

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

12 ~~(1) Are sixty-five years of age or older;~~

13 ~~(2) Live in a long-term care facility licensed under chapter 198;~~

14 ~~(3) Have chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma;~~

15 ~~(4) Have serious heart conditions;~~

16 ~~(5) Are immunocompromised;~~

17 ~~(6) Have diabetes;~~

18 ~~(7) Have chronic kidney disease and are undergoing dialysis; or~~

19 ~~(8) Have liver disease.—]"; and~~
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21 Further amend said bill, Page 5, Section 115.279, Line 132, by inserting after all of said section and
22 line the following:
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24 "115.283. 1. Each ballot envelope shall bear a statement on which the voter shall state the
25 voter's name, the voter's voting address, the voter's mailing address and the voter's reason for voting
26 an absentee ballot. If the reason for the voter voting absentee is due to the reasons established under
27 subdivision (6) of subsection 1 of section 115.277, the voter shall state the voter's identification
28 information provided by the address confidentiality program in lieu of the applicant's name, voting
29 address, and mailing address. On the form, the voter shall also state under penalties of perjury that
30 the voter is qualified to vote in the election, that the voter has not previously voted and will not vote
31 again in the election, that the voter has personally marked the voter's ballot in secret or supervised
32 the marking of the voter's ballot if the voter is unable to mark it, that the ballot has been placed in
33 the ballot envelope and sealed by the voter or under the voter's supervision if the voter is unable to
34 seal it, and that all information contained in the statement is true. In addition, any person providing
35 assistance to the absentee voter shall include a statement on the envelope identifying the person
36 providing assistance under penalties of perjury. Persons authorized to vote only for federal and
37 statewide officers shall also state their former Missouri residence.

38 2. The statement for persons voting absentee ballots who are registered voters shall be in
39 substantially the following form:

State of Missouri

County (City) of _____

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

- _____ absence on election day from the jurisdiction of the election authority in which I am registered;
- _____ incapacity or confinement due to illness or physical disability, including caring for a person who is incapacitated or confined due to illness or disability;
- _____ religious belief or practice;
- _____ employment as an election authority or by an election authority at a location other than my polling place;
- _____ incarceration, although I have retained all the necessary qualifications for voting;
- _____ certified participation in the address confidentiality program established under sections 589.660 to 589.681 because of safety concerns[-] ;
- _____ employment, the nature of which prevents me from utilizing the provisions of section 115.639.

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

Signature of Voter

Signature of Person

Assisting Voter
(if applicable)

Signed _____

Subscribed and sworn

Signed _____

to before me this

Address of Voter

_____ day of _____,

Mailing addresses
(if different)

Signature of notary or
other officer
authorized to
administer oaths

1 3. The statement for persons voting absentee ballots pursuant to the provisions of subsection
2 2, 3, 4, or 5 of section 115.277 without being registered shall be in substantially the following form:

State of Missouri

County (City) of _____

I, _____ (print name), declare under the penalties of perjury that I am a citizen of the United States and eighteen years of age or older. I am not adjudged incapacitated by any court of law, and 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 hereby state under penalties of perjury that I am qualified to vote at this election.

I am (check one):

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

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

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

Signature of Voter

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

Address of Voter

Signature of notary or

	other officer
	authorized to
	administer oaths
_____	_____
Mailing Address (if different)	_____

_____	_____
Signature of Person	Address of Last
Assisting Voter	Missouri Residence
	(if applicable)

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

State of Missouri

County (City) of _____

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

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

_____ incapacity or confinement due to illness or physical disability, including caring for a person who is incapacitated or confined due to illness or disability;

_____ religious belief or practice;

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

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

_____ certified participation in the address confidentiality program established under sections 589.660 to 589.681 because of safety concerns[-] ;

_____ employment, the nature of which prevents me from utilizing the provisions of section 115.639.

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

Signature of Voter
Subscribed and sworn
to before me this
_____ day of
_____, _____

Address
Signature of notary or
other officer
authorized to
administer oaths

Signature of Person
Assisting Voter
(if applicable)

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

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

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

10 ~~[8.]~~ 7. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or section 115.291 to the
11 contrary, the subscription, signature and seal of a notary or other officer authorized to administer
12 oaths shall not be required on any ballot, ballot envelope, or statement required by this section if the
13 reason for the voter voting absentee is due to the reasons established pursuant to subdivision (2) or

1 (7) of subsection 1 of section 115.277.

2 [9.] 8. No notary shall charge or collect a fee for notarizing the signature on any absentee
3 ballot or absentee voter registration.

4 [10.] 9. A notary public who charges more than the maximum fee specified or who charges
5 or collects a fee for notarizing the signature on any absentee ballot or absentee voter registration is
6 guilty of official misconduct."; and

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8 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
9 accordingly.