

HOUSE BILL NO. 1398

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE PRICE.

3012H.011

DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 115, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to elections.

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

Section A. Chapter 115, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 115.1010, to read as follows:

115.1010. 1. Voters of this state shall be entitled to vote in advance of election day, without having to state an excuse, in person or by mail for all federal or state general elections as follows:

(1) Early voting shall be conducted from the sixth Tuesday before the election until the close of regular business hours on the Monday immediately before the election for both in-person and mail-in voting. The hours for conducting early voting shall be the regular business hours of each election authority. For the twenty-one days immediately before election day, the hours for early voting shall also include from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Beginning on the Tuesday immediately before election day, the hours for conducting early voting shall be from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

(2) Local election authorities shall establish early voting locations as follows:

(a) Each local election authority shall establish one early voting location for every three precincts within its jurisdiction. Each local election authority shall have at least one early voting location; and

(b) The local election authority shall ensure that the early voting locations are as centrally located as is practicable.

2. In determining where to locate the early voting locations, the election local authority shall consider factors including, but not limited to, the geographic location and

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.

19 **demographics of voters in the previous federal general election, current United States**
20 **census data, and the availability of suitable satellite early voting locations within the local**
21 **election authority.**

22 **3. The election authority shall provide adequate public notice of the designated**
23 **central and satellite early voting locations by posting the hours and locations for early**
24 **voting at the election authority's office, on the election authority's website, and by other**
25 **reasonable methods selected by the election authority.**

26 **4. Local election authorities shall appoint at least one election judge from each**
27 **major political party to serve at the central early voting location and at any satellite early**
28 **voting locations. Procedures for selecting election judges, designating election challengers,**
29 **casting ballots, and tabulating ballots shall be the same as provided in general election law.**

30 **5. The state and all local election authorities shall make available a list of all voters**
31 **who cast ballots during the early voting period. The list shall include voter information**
32 **that is a matter of public record, as determined under general election law. The list shall**
33 **be available in both paper and electronic format to anyone who requests a copy of the list.**

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