

SECOND REGULAR SESSION
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1678
101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

4265H.02C

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 28, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the secretary of state, with penalty provisions.

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

Section A. Chapter 28, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 28.960, to read as follows:

28.960. 1. The secretary of state shall have the authority to, at his or her discretion, audit the list of registered voters for any local election authority to ensure accuracy.

2. Any audit conducted by the secretary of state shall, at least quarterly, determine whether the local election authority has performed the following voter registration list maintenance activities, as required by law:

(1) Sending verification notices in accordance with section 115.155; and

(2) Registering voters and removing names from the voter registration system in accordance with section 115.158.

3. After completing the audit, the secretary of state shall notify the local election authority in writing of any maintenance updates that are required and shall advise the local election authority they have ninety days to make required updates. If, after ninety days, the secretary of state determines that the local election authority has not performed the required maintenance of voter registration lists as required by law, the secretary of state's office may withhold funds from the local election authority.

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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.