

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 2047

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE GUNBY.

3905H.011

DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 115, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to election offenses, with penalty provisions.

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
2 known as section 115.640, to read as follows:

3 **115.640. 1. Any student entitled to vote at any election held within this state**
4 **shall, on the day of such election, be entitled to absent himself or herself from school for**
5 **a period of three hours between the time of opening and the time of closing the polls for**
6 **the purpose of voting, and any such absence for such purpose shall be counted as**
7 **excused; and such student, if he or she votes, shall not, because of so absenting himself**
8 **or herself, be liable to any penalty or discipline, provided that a request shall be made**
9 **for such leave of absence prior to the day of election. The school may specify any three**
10 **hours between the time of opening and the time of closing the polls during which such**
11 **student may absent himself or herself and require such student to provide proof of**
12 **voting upon his or her return to school.**

11 **2. Any school violating this section shall be deemed guilty of a class four election**
12 **offense.**

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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.