

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 2363

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE EALY.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

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

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*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 designate any**  
10 **three hours between the time of opening and the time of closing the polls during which**  
11 **such student may absent himself or herself.**

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

14 **3. Each school district shall adopt and implement a written policy relating to**  
15 **absences excused under this section beginning with the 2024-25 school year. The**  
**department of elementary and secondary education shall develop a model policy**  
**relating to absences excused under this section that all school districts may adopt. Such**

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.

16 **policy shall be completed and made available to school districts beginning with the 2024-**  
17 **25 school year.**

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