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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

### AN ACT

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

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 115.298, to read as follows:

115.298. 1. The secretary of state shall provide, subject to appropriation, an online absentee ballot tracking system. Any person eligible to vote an absentee ballot by mail shall be entitled to register for the absentee ballot tracking system to receive information on the current status of his or her absentee ballot.

- 2. The absentee ballot tracking system shall, at a minimum:
- (1) Be easily accessible from the main page of the secretary of state's website from the time that absentee ballots are available until results are certified for each election; and
- 8 (2) Indicate to a voter whether his or her ballot has been received, whether his or 9 her ballot has been counted, and, if the ballot has not been counted, the reason it has not 10 been counted.
  - 3. The secretary of state may require any personal information necessary for verification and tracking in order for a voter to register for the absentee ballot tracking system, such as an electronic mail address or telephone number where the voter may be contacted and notified of the status of his or her ballot via electronic mail, text message, or phone call. The secretary of state shall coordinate with local election authorities to track absentee ballots in the most efficient manner.

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