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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

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SENATE BILL NO. 631

AN ACT

To repeal sections 36.155, 105.485, 115.277, 115.283, 115.285, 115.291, 115.357, 115.621, 115.642, 115.642, 115.652, 115.761, 347.740, 351.127, 355.023, 356.233, 359.653, 400.9-528, and 417.018, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof nineteen new sections relating to elections, with an emergency clause for certain sections and existing penalty provisions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 Section A. Sections 36.155, 105.485, 115.277, 115.283,
- 2 115.285, 115.291, 115.357, 115.621, 115.642, 115.652, 115.761,
- 3 347.740, 351.127, 355.023, 356.233, 359.653, 400.9-528, and
- 4 417.018, RSMo, are repealed and nineteen new sections enacted in
- 5 lieu thereof, to be known as sections 36.155, 105.485, 115.277,
- 6 115.283, 115.285, 115.291, 115.302, 115.357, 115.621, 115.642,
- 7 115.652, 115.761, 347.740, 351.127, 355.023, 356.233, 359.653,
- 8 400.9-528, and 417.018, to read as follows:
- 9 36.155. 1. An employee may take part in the activities of
- 10 political parties and political campaigns.
- 11 2. An employee may not:
- 12 (1) Use the employee's official authority or influence for
- 13 the purpose of interfering with the results of an election;
- 14 (2) Knowingly solicit, accept or receive a political

- contribution from any person who is a subordinate employee of the employee;
- 3 (3) Run for the nomination, or as a candidate for election, 4 to a partisan political office; or

- (4) Knowingly solicit or discourage the participation in any political activity of any person who has an application for any compensation, grant, contract, ruling, license, permit or certificate pending before the employing department of such employee or is the subject of, or a participant in, an ongoing audit, investigation or enforcement action being carried out by the employing department of such employee.
- 3. An employee retains the right to vote as the employee chooses and to express the employee's opinion on political subjects and candidates.
- 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 2 of this section to the contrary, any employee that is not subject to the provisions of subsection 1 of section 36.030 or section 36.031 may run for the nomination, or as a candidate for election, to a partisan political office.
- 105.485. 1. Each financial interest statement required by sections 105.483 to 105.492 shall be on a form prescribed by the commission and shall be signed and verified by a written declaration that it is made under penalties of perjury; provided, however, the form shall not seek information which is not specifically required by sections 105.483 to 105.492.
 - 2. Each person required to file a financial interest statement pursuant to subdivisions (1) to (12) of section 105.483 shall file the following information for himself or herself, his

or her spouse and dependent children at any time during the 1 period covered by the statement, whether singularly or 2 collectively; provided, however, that said person, if he or she 3 does not know and his or her spouse will not divulge any 5 information required to be reported by this section concerning 6 the financial interest of his or her spouse, shall state on his or her financial interest statement that he or she has disclosed 7 that information known to him or her and that his or her spouse 8 has refused or failed to provide other information upon his or 9 10 her bona fide request, and such statement shall be deemed to satisfy the requirements of this section for such financial 11 interest of his or her spouse; and provided further if the spouse 12 of any person required to file a financial interest statement is 13 also required by section 105.483 to file a financial interest 14 15 statement, the financial interest statement filed by each need not disclose the financial interest of the other, provided that 16 each financial interest statement shall state that the spouse of 17 18 the person has filed a separate financial interest statement and the name under which the statement was filed: 19

(1) The name and address of each of the employers of such person from whom income of one thousand dollars or more was received during the year covered by the statement;

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(2) The name and address of each sole proprietorship which he or she owned; the name, address and the general nature of the business conducted of each general partnership and joint venture in which he or she was a partner or participant; the name and address of each partner or coparticipant for each partnership or joint venture unless such names and addresses are filed by the

partnership or joint venture with the secretary of state; the name, address and general nature of the business conducted of any closely held corporation or limited partnership in which the person owned ten percent or more of any class of the outstanding stock or limited partners' units; and the name of any publicly traded corporation or limited partnership which is listed on a regulated stock exchange or automated quotation system in which the person owned two percent or more of any class of outstanding stock, limited partnership units or other equity interests;

- (3) The name and address of any other source not reported pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (2) and subdivisions (4) to (9) of this subsection from which such person received one thousand dollars or more of income during the year covered by the statement, including, but not limited to, any income otherwise required to be reported on any tax return such person is required by law to file; except that only the name of any publicly traded corporation or limited partnership which is listed on a regulated stock exchange or automated quotation system need be reported pursuant to this subdivision;
- (4) The location by county, the subclassification for property tax assessment purposes, the approximate size and a description of the major improvements and use for each parcel of real property in the state, other than the individual's personal residence, having a fair market value of ten thousand dollars or more in which such person held a vested interest including a leasehold for a term of ten years or longer, and, if the property was transferred during the year covered by the statement, the name and address of the persons furnishing or receiving

consideration for such transfer;

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- The name and address of each entity in which such 2 person owned stock, bonds or other equity interest with a value 3 in excess of ten thousand dollars; except that, if the entity is 4 a corporation listed on a regulated stock exchange, only the name 5 of the corporation need be listed; and provided that any member 6 7 of any board or commission of the state or any political subdivision who does not receive any compensation for his or her 8 services to the state or political subdivision other than 9 10 reimbursement for his or her actual expenses or a per diem allowance as prescribed by law for each day of such service need 11 12 not report interests in publicly traded corporations or limited 13 partnerships which are listed on a regulated stock exchange or automated quotation system pursuant to this subdivision; and 14 15 provided further that the provisions of this subdivision shall 16 not require reporting of any interest in any qualified plan or annuity pursuant to the Employees' Retirement Income Security 17 Act; 18
 - (6) The name and address of each corporation for which such person served in the capacity of a director, officer or receiver;
 - (7) The name and address of each not-for-profit corporation and each association, organization, or union, whether incorporated or not, except not-for-profit corporations formed to provide church services, fraternal organizations or service clubs from which the officer or employee draws no remuneration, in which such person was an officer, director, employee or trustee at any time during the year covered by the statement, and for each such organization, a general description of the nature and

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The name and address of each source from which such 2 person received a gift or gifts, or honorarium or honoraria in 3 excess of two hundred dollars in value per source during the year 4 covered by the statement other than gifts from persons within the 5 third degree of consanguinity or affinity of the person filing 6 the financial interest statement. For the purposes of this 7 section, a "gift" shall not be construed to mean political 8 9 contributions otherwise required to be reported by law or hospitality such as food, beverages or admissions to social, art, 10 or sporting events or the like, or informational material. For 11 the purposes of this section, a "gift" shall include gifts to or 12 by creditors of the individual for the purpose of cancelling, 13 reducing or otherwise forgiving the indebtedness of the 14 individual to that creditor; 15

- (9) The lodging and travel expenses provided by any third person for expenses incurred outside the state of Missouri whether by gift or in relation to the duties of office of such official, except that such statement shall not include travel or lodging expenses:
- (a) Paid in the ordinary course of business for businesses described in subdivisions (1), (2), (5) and (6) of this subsection which are related to the duties of office of such official; or
- 25 (b) For which the official may be reimbursed as provided by 26 law; or
- (c) Paid by persons related by the third degree of consanguinity or affinity to the person filing the statement; or

- (d) Expenses which are reported by the campaign committee or candidate committee of the person filing the statement pursuant to the provisions of chapter 130; or
- (e) Paid for purely personal purposes which are not related to the person's official duties by a third person who is not a lobbyist, a lobbyist principal or member, or officer or director of a member, of any association or entity which employs a lobbyist. The statement shall include the name and address of such person who paid the expenses, the date such expenses were incurred, the amount incurred, the location of the travel and lodging, and the nature of the services rendered or reason for the expenses;
- 13 (10) The assets in any revocable trust of which the 14 individual is the settlor if such assets would otherwise be 15 required to be reported under this section;
- 16 (11) The name, position and relationship of any relative 17 within the first degree of consanguinity or affinity to any other 18 person who:
 - (a) Is employed by the state of Missouri, by a political subdivision of the state or special district, as defined in section 115.013, of the state of Missouri;
 - (b) Is a lobbyist; or

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- (c) Is a fee agent of the department of revenue;
- 24 (12) The name and address of each campaign committee, 25 political committee, candidate committee, or continuing committee 26 for which such person or any corporation listed on such person's 27 financial interest statement received payment; and
 - (13) For members of the general assembly or any statewide

- 1 elected public official, their spouses, and their dependent
- 2 children, whether any state tax credits were claimed on the
- 3 member's, spouse's, or dependent child's most recent state income
- 4 tax return.
- 5 3. For the purposes of subdivisions (1), (2) and (3) of
- 6 subsection 2 of this section, an individual shall be deemed to
- 7 have received a salary from his or her employer or income from
- 8 any source at the time when he or she shall receive a negotiable
- 9 instrument whether or not payable at a later date and at the time
- when under the practice of his <u>or her</u> employer or the terms of an
- 11 agreement he or she has earned or is entitled to anything of
- 12 actual value whether or not delivery of the value is deferred or
- 13 right to it has vested. The term income as used in this section
- shall have the same meaning as provided in the Internal Revenue
- 15 Code of 1986, and amendments thereto, as the same may be or
- 16 becomes effective, at any time or from time to time for the
- taxable year, provided that income shall not be considered
- 18 received or earned for purposes of this section from a
- 19 partnership or sole proprietorship until such income is converted
- 20 from business to personal use.
- 21 4. Each official, officer or employee or candidate of any
- 22 political subdivision described in subdivision (11) of section
- 23 105.483 shall be required to file a financial interest statement
- 24 as required by subsection 2 of this section, unless the political
- 25 subdivision biennially adopts an ordinance, order or resolution
- at an open meeting by September fifteenth of the preceding year,
- 27 which establishes and makes public its own method of disclosing
- 28 potential conflicts of interest and substantial interests and

- 1 therefore excludes the political subdivision or district and its
- officers and employees from the requirements of subsection 2 of
- 3 this section. A certified copy of the ordinance, order or
- 4 resolution shall be sent to the commission within ten days of its
- 5 adoption. The commission shall assist any political subdivision
- 6 in developing forms to complete the requirements of this
- 7 subsection. The ordinance, order or resolution shall contain, at
- 8 a minimum, the following requirements with respect to disclosure
- 9 of substantial interests:

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- 10 (1) Disclosure in writing of the following described 11 transactions, if any such transactions were engaged in during the 12 calendar year:
 - (a) For such person, and all persons within the first degree of consanguinity or affinity of such person, the date and the identities of the parties to each transaction with a total value in excess of five hundred dollars, if any, that such person had with the political subdivision, other than compensation received as an employee or payment of any tax, fee or penalty due to the political subdivision, and other than transfers for no consideration to the political subdivision;
 - (b) The date and the identities of the parties to each transaction known to the person with a total value in excess of five hundred dollars, if any, that any business entity in which such person had a substantial interest, had with the political subdivision, other than payment of any tax, fee or penalty due to the political subdivision or transactions involving payment for providing utility service to the political subdivision, and other than transfers for no consideration to the political subdivision;

(2) The chief administrative officer and chief purchasing officer of such political subdivision shall disclose in writing the information described in subdivisions (1), (2) and (6) of subsection 2 of this section:

- (3) Disclosure of such other financial interests applicable to officials, officers and employees of the political subdivision, as may be required by the ordinance or resolution;
- (4) Duplicate disclosure reports made pursuant to this subsection shall be filed with the commission and the governing body of the political subdivision. The clerk of such governing body shall maintain such disclosure reports available for public inspection and copying during normal business hours.
- 5. The name and employer of dependent children under twenty-one years of age of each person required to file a financial interest form under this section shall be redacted and not made publicly available, upon the written request of such person to the commission.
- 6. Nothing in subsection 5 of this section shall be construed to abate the responsibility of reporting the names and employers of dependent children of each person required to file a financial interest form.
- 115.277. 1. Except as provided in subsections 2, 3, 4, and 5 of this section, any registered voter of this state may vote by absentee ballot for all candidates and issues for which such voter would be eligible to vote at the polling place if such voter expects to be prevented from going to the polls to vote on election day due to:
 - (1) Absence on election day from the jurisdiction of the

- election authority in which such voter is registered to vote;
- 2 (2) Incapacity or confinement due to illness or physical
- disability, including a person who is primarily responsible for
- 4 the physical care of a person who is incapacitated or confined
- 5 due to illness or disability;
- 6 (3) Religious belief or practice;
- 7 (4) Employment as an election authority, as a member of an
- 8 election authority, or by an election authority at a location
- 9 other than such voter's polling place;
- 10 (5) Incarceration, provided all qualifications for voting
- 11 are retained;
- 12 (6) Certified participation in the address confidentiality
- program established under sections 589.660 to 589.681 because of
- 14 safety concerns; or
- 15 (7) For an election that occurs during the year 2020, the
- 16 voter has contracted or is in an at-risk category for contracting
- or transmitting severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2.
- This subdivision shall expire on December 31, 2020.
- 2. Any covered voter[, as defined in section 115.275,] who
- 20 is eligible to register and vote in this state may vote in any
- 21 election for federal office, statewide office, state legislative
- office, or statewide ballot initiatives by submitting a federal
- 23 postcard application to apply to vote by absentee ballot or by
- 24 submitting a federal postcard application at the polling place
- even though the person is not registered. A federal postcard
- 26 application submitted by a covered voter pursuant to this
- 27 subsection shall also serve as a voter registration application
- under section 115.908 and the election authority shall, if

- satisfied that the applicant is entitled to register, place the voter's name on the voter registration file. Each covered voter may vote by absentee ballot or, upon submitting an affidavit that the person is qualified to vote in the election, may vote at the person's polling place.
- 3. Any interstate former resident[, as defined in section 115.275,] may vote by absentee ballot for presidential and vice presidential electors.
- 4. Any intrastate new resident[, as defined in section

 115.275,] may vote by absentee ballot at the election for

 12 presidential and vice presidential electors, United States

 13 senator, representative in Congress, statewide elected officials

 14 and statewide questions, propositions and amendments from such

 15 resident's new jurisdiction of residence after registering to

 16 vote in such resident's new jurisdiction of residence.
- 5. Any new resident[, as defined in section 115.275,] may vote by absentee ballot for presidential and vice presidential electors after registering to vote in such resident's new jurisdiction of residence.
- 6. For purposes of this section, the voters who are in an at-risk category for contracting or transmitting severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 are voters who:
 - (1) Are sixty-five years of age or older:
- 24 (2) Live in a long-term care facility licensed under 25 chapter 198;
- 26 (3) Have chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma;
- 27 (4) Have serious heart conditions;
- 28 <u>(5) Are immunocompromised;</u>

<u>(6) Have diabetes:</u>

2 (7) Have chronic kidney disease and are undergoing

3 dialysis; or

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(8) Have liver disease.

5 115.283. 1. Each ballot envelope shall bear a statement on which the voter shall state the voter's name, the voter's voting 6 7 address, the voter's mailing address and the voter's reason for voting an absentee ballot. If the reason for the voter voting 8 absentee is due to the reasons established under subdivision (6) 9 of subsection 1 of section 115.277, the voter shall state the 10 11 voter's identification information provided by the address 12 confidentiality program in lieu of the applicant's name, voting 13 address, and mailing address. On the form, the voter shall also 14 state under penalties of perjury that the voter is qualified to vote in the election, that the voter has not previously voted and 15 will not vote again in the election, that the voter has 16 personally marked the voter's ballot in secret or supervised the 17 marking of the voter's ballot if the voter is unable to mark it, 18 19 that the ballot has been placed in the ballot envelope and sealed by the voter or under the voter's supervision if the voter is 20 21 unable to seal it, and that all information contained in the 22 statement is true. In addition, any person providing assistance 23 to the absentee voter shall include a statement on the envelope identifying the person providing assistance under penalties of 24 25 perjury. Persons authorized to vote only for federal and statewide officers shall also state their former Missouri 26 27 residence.

2. The statement for persons voting absentee ballots who

1	are registered voters shall be in substantially the following
2	form:
3	State of Missouri
4	County (City) of
5	I, (print name), a registered voter of
6	County (City of St. Louis, Kansas City), declare under
7	the penalties of perjury that I expect to be prevented
8	from going to the polls on election day due to (check
9	one):
10	absence on election day from the jurisdiction
11	of the election authority in which I am
12	registered;
13	incapacity or confinement due to illness or
14	physical disability, including caring for a
15	person who is incapacitated or confined due
16	to illness or disability;
17	religious belief or practice;
18	employment as an election authority or by an
19	election authority at a location other than
20	my polling place;
21	incarceration, although I have retained all
22	the necessary qualifications for voting;
23	certified participation in the address
24	confidentiality program established under
25	sections 589.660 to 589.681 because of safety
26	concerns.
27	I hereby state under penalties of perjury that I am
28	qualified to vote at this election; I have not voted

1	and will not vote other than	by this ballot at this
2	election. I further state the	at I marked the enclosed
3	ballot in secret or that I a	m blind, unable to read or
4	write English, or physically	incapable of marking the
5	ballot, and the person of my	choosing indicated below
6	marked the ballot at my direc	ction; all of the
7	information on this statement	t is, to the best of my
8	knowledge and belief, true.	
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10	Signature of Voter	Signature of Person
11		Assisting Voter
12		(if applicable)
13	Signed	Subscribed and sworn
14	Signed	to before me this
15	Address of Voter	day of,
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18	Mailing addresses	Signature of notary or
19	(if different)	other officer
20		authorized to
21		administer oaths
22	3. The statement for persons	voting absentee ballots
23	pursuant to the provisions of subs	ection 2, 3, 4, or 5 of section
24	115.277 without being registered si	hall be in substantially the
25	following form:	
26	State of Missouri	
27	County (City) of	
88	I, (print name), declar	re under the penalties of

_	perjury that I am a citizen of the united states and
2	eighteen years of age or older. I am not adjudged
3	incapacitated by any court of law, and if I have been
4	convicted of a felony or of a misdemeanor connected
5	with the right of suffrage, I have had the voting
6	disabilities resulting from such conviction removed
7	pursuant to law. I hereby state under penalties of
8	perjury that I am qualified to vote at this election.
9	I am (check one):
10	a resident of the state of Missouri and a
11	registered voter in County and moved
12	from that county to County, Missouri,
13	after the last day to register to vote in
14	this election.
15	an interstate former resident of Missouri and
16	authorized to vote for presidential and vice
17	presidential electors.
18	I further state under penalties of perjury that I have
19	not voted and will not vote other than by this ballot
20	at this election; I marked the enclosed ballot in
21	secret or am blind, unable to read or write English, or
22	physically incapable of marking the ballot, and the
23	person of my choosing indicated below marked the ballot
24	at my direction; all of the information on this
25	statement is, to the best of my knowledge and belief,
26	true.
27	Subscribed to and
28	sworn before me this

7	Signature of voter	day of
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5	Address of Voter	Signature of notary or
6		other officer
7		authorized to
8		administer oaths
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10	Mailing Address (if differen	t)
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13	Signature of Person	Address of Last
14	Assisting Voter	Missouri Residence
15		(if applicable)
16	4. The statement for person	s voting absentee ballots who
17	are entitled to vote at the elect	ion pursuant to the provisions
18	of subsection 2 of section 115.13	7 shall be in substantially the
19	following form:	
20	State of Missouri	
21	County (City) of	
22	I, (print name), decla	are under the penalties of
23	perjury that I expect to be p	prevented from going to the
24	polls on election day due to	(check one):
25	absence on election	day from the jurisdiction
26		chority in which I am
27	directed to vote;	
28	incapacity or confi	nement due to illness or

1	physical disability, inc	luding caring for a
2	person who is incapacita	ted or confined due
3	to illness or disability	;
4	religious belief or prac	tice;
5	employment as an election	n authority or by an
6	election authority at a	location other than
7	my polling place;	
8	incarceration, although	I have retained all
9	the necessary qualificat	ions of voting;
LO	certified participation	in the address
11	confidentiality program	established under
L2	sections 589.660 to 589.	681 because of safety
L3	concerns.	
L 4	I hereby state under penalties of	perjury that I own
L 5	property in the district an	d am qualified to
L6	vote at this election; I have not	voted and will not
L7	vote other than by this ballot at	this election. I
L8	further state that I marked the en	closed ballot in
L9	secret or that I am blind, unable	to read and write
20	English, or physically incapable o	f marking the ballot,
21	and the person of my choosing indi	cated below marked
22	the ballot at my direction; all of	the information on
23	this statement is, to the best of	my knowledge and
24	belief, true.	
25		Subscribed and sworn
26		to before me this
27	Signature of Voter	day of
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3	Address Signature of notary or
4	other officer
5	authorized to
6	administer oaths
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8	Signature of Person
9	Assisting Voter
10	(if applicable)
11	5. The statement for persons providing assistance to
12	absentee voters shall be in substantially the following form:
13	The voter needed assistance in marking the ballot and
14	signing above, because of blindness, other physical
15	disability, or inability to read or to read English. I
16	marked the ballot enclosed in this envelope at the
17	voter's direction, when I was alone with the voter, and
18	I had no other communication with the voter as to how
19	he or she was to vote. The voter swore or affirmed the
20	voter affidavit above and I then signed the voter's
21	name and completed the other voter information above.
22	Signed under the penalties of perjury.
23	Reason why voter needed assistance:
24	ASSISTING PERSON SIGN HERE
25	1 (signature of assisting person)
26	2 (assisting person's name printed)
27	3 (assisting person's residence)
28	4. (assisting person's home city or town).

6. The election authority shall, for an election held during 2020, adjust the forms described in this section to account for voters voting absentee due to the reason established pursuant to subdivision (7) of subsection 1 of section 115.277.

- 7. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, any covered voter as defined in section 115.902 or persons who have declared themselves to be permanently disabled pursuant to section 115.284, otherwise entitled to vote, shall not be required to obtain a notary seal or signature on his or her absentee ballot.
- [7.] 8. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or section 115.291 to the contrary, the subscription, signature and seal of a notary or other officer authorized to administer oaths shall not be required on any ballot, ballot envelope, or statement required by this section if the reason for the voter voting absentee is due to the reasons established pursuant to subdivision (2) or (7) of subsection 1 of section 115.277.
- [8.] 9. No notary shall charge or collect a fee for notarizing the signature on any absentee ballot or absentee voter registration.
- [9.] 10. A notary public who charges more than the maximum fee specified or who charges or collects a fee for notarizing the signature on any absentee ballot or absentee voter registration is guilty of official misconduct.
- 115.285. The secretary of state may prescribe uniform regulations with respect to the printing of ballot envelopes and mailing envelopes, which shall comply with standards established by federal law or postal regulations. Mailing envelopes for use

- in returning ballots shall be printed with business reply permits
- 2 so that any ballot returned by mail does not require postage.
- 3 All fees and costs for establishing and maintaining the business
- 4 reply and postage-free mail for all ballots cast shall be paid by
- 5 the secretary of state through state appropriations.
- 6 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a ballot
- 7 <u>envelope used under section 115.302 shall be the same ballot</u>
- 8 envelope used for absentee ballots, provided an option shall be
- 9 <u>listed on the envelope to clearly indicate whether the voter is</u>
- casting an absentee ballot or a mail-in ballot.
- 115.291. 11 1. Upon receiving an absentee ballot by mail, the voter shall mark the ballot in secret, place the ballot in the 12 ballot envelope, seal the envelope and fill out the statement on 13 the ballot envelope. The affidavit of each person voting an 14 absentee ballot shall be subscribed and sworn to before the 15 election official receiving the ballot, a notary public or other 16 officer authorized by law to administer oaths, unless the voter 17 is voting absentee due to incapacity or confinement due to the 18 provisions of section 115.284, illness or physical disability, 19 for an election that occurs during the year 2020, the voter has 20 contracted or is in an at-risk category for contracting or 21 transmitting severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2, as 22 defined in section 115.277, or the voter is a covered voter as 23 defined in section 115.902. If the voter is blind, unable to 24 read or write the English language, or physically incapable of 25 voting the ballot, the voter may be assisted by a person of the 26 voter's own choosing. Any person assisting a voter who is not 27 entitled to such assistance, and any person who assists a voter 28

- and in any manner coerces or initiates a request or a suggestion
- that the voter vote for or against or refrain from voting on any
- question, ticket or candidate, shall be guilty of a class one
- 4 election offense. If, upon counting, challenge or election
- 5 contest, it is ascertained that any absentee ballot was voted
- 6 with unlawful assistance, the ballot shall be rejected. For
- 7 purposes of this subsection, the voters who are in an at-risk
- 8 category for contracting or transmitting severe acute respiratory
- 9 syndrome coronavirus 2 are voters who:
- 10 (1) Sixty-five years of age or older:
- 11 (2) Live in a long-term care facility licensed under
- 12 <u>chapter 198;</u>
- 13 (3) Have chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma;
- 14 (4) Have serious heart conditions;
- 15 (5) Are immunocompromised;
- 16 (6) Have diabetes:
- 17 (7) Have chronic kidney disease and are undergoing
- 18 <u>dialysis</u>; or
- 19 <u>(8) Have liver disease.</u>
- 20 2. Except as provided in subsection 4 of this section, each
- 21 absentee ballot that is not cast by the voter in person in the
- office of the election authority shall be returned to the
- 23 election authority in the ballot envelope and shall only be
- 24 returned by the voter in person, or in person by a relative of
- 25 the voter who is within the second degree of consanguinity or
- 26 affinity, by mail or registered carrier or by a team of deputy
- 27 election authorities; except that covered voters, when sent from
- a location determined by the secretary of state to be

- inaccessible on election day, shall be allowed to return their
- 2 absentee ballots cast by use of facsimile transmission or under a
- 3 program approved by the Department of Defense for electronic
- 4 transmission of election materials.

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- 3. In cases of an emergency declared by the President of
 the United States or the governor of this state where the conduct
 of an election may be affected, the secretary of state may
 provide for the delivery and return of absentee ballots by use of
 a facsimile transmission device or system. Any rule promulgated
 pursuant to this subsection shall apply to a class or classes of
- 4. No election authority shall refuse to accept and process any otherwise valid marked absentee ballot submitted in any manner by a covered voter solely on the basis of restrictions on envelope type.

voters as provided for by the secretary of state.

- 115.302. 1. Any registered voter of this state may cast a 16 mail-in ballot as provided in this section. Nothing in this 17 section shall prevent a voter from casting an absentee ballot, 18 provided such person has not cast a ballot pursuant to this 19 20 section. Application for a mail-in-ballot may be made by the applicant in person, or by United States mail, or on behalf of 21 22 the applicant by his or her guardian or relative within the 23 second degree of consanguinity or affinity.
 - 2. Each application for a mail-in-ballot shall be made to the election authority of the jurisdiction in which the person is registered. Each application shall be in writing and shall state the applicant's name, address at which he or she is registered. The address to which the ballot is to be mailed.

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3. All applications for mail-in-ballots received prior to the sixth Tuesday before an election shall be stored at the office of the election authority until such time as the applications are processed under section 115.281. No application for a mail-in-ballot received in the office of the election authority after 5:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday immediately prior to the election shall be accepted by any election authority. 4. Each application for a mail-in-ballot shall be signed by the applicant or, if the application is made by a quardian or

- the applicant or, if the application is made by a quardian or relative under this section, the application shall be signed by the quardian or relative, who shall note on the application his or her relationship to the applicant. If an applicant, quardian, or relative is blind, unable to read or write the English language, or physically incapable of signing the application, he or she shall sign by mark that is witnessed by the signature of an election official or person of his or her choice. Knowingly making, delivering, or mailing a fraudulent mail-in-ballot application is a class one election offense.
- 5. Not later than the sixth Tuesday prior to each election, or within fourteen days after candidate names or questions are certified under section 115.125, the election authority shall cause to have printed and made available a sufficient quantity of ballots, ballot envelopes, and mailing envelopes. As soon as possible after a proper official calls a special state or county election, the election authority shall cause to have printed and made available a sufficient quantity of mail-in ballots, ballot envelopes, and mailing envelopes.

1	6. Each ballot envelope shall bear a statement in
2	substantially the same form described in subsection 9 of this
3	section. In addition, any person providing assistance to the
4	mail-in voter shall include a signature on the envelope
5	identifying the person providing such assistance under penalties
6	of perjury. Persons authorized to vote only for federal and
7	statewide offices shall also state their former Missouri
8	residence.
9	7. The statement for persons voting mail-in ballots who are
10	registered voters shall be in substantially the following form:
11	State of Missouri
12	County (City) of
13	I, (print name), a registered voter of
14	County (City of St. Louis, Kansas City), declare under
15	the penalties of perjury that: I am qualified to vote
16	at this election; I have not voted and will not vote
17	other than by this ballot at this election. I further
18	state that I marked the enclosed ballot in secret or
19	that I am blind, unable to read or write English, or
20	physically incapable of marking the ballot, and the
21	person of my choosing indicated below marked the ballot
22	at my direction; all of the information on this
23	statement is, to the best of my knowledge and belief,
24	true.
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26	Signature of Voter Signature of Person
27	<u>Assisting Voter</u>
28	(If applicable)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1 day of 2 3 Signature of notary or other officer authorized to 4 administer oaths. 5 6 7 Mailing Addresses 8 (If different) 9 8. Upon receipt of a signed application for a mail-in 10 ballot and if satisfied that the applicant is entitled to vote by 11 mail-in ballot, the election authority shall, within three 12 working days after receiving the application, or, if mail-in 13 ballots are not available at the time the application is 14 received, within five working days after such ballots become 15 available, deliver to the voter a mail-in ballot, ballot envelope 16 and such instructions as are necessary for the applicant to vote. 17 If the election authority is not satisfied that any applicant is 18 entitled to vote by mail-in ballot, the authority shall not 19 deliver a mail-in ballot to the applicant. Within three working 20 days of receiving such an application, the election authority 21 shall notify the applicant and state the reason he or she is not 22 entitled to vote by mail-in ballot. The applicant may file a 23 complaint with the elections division of the secretary of state's 24 office under section 115.219. 25 9. On the mailing and ballot envelopes for each covered 26 voter, the election authority shall stamp the words "ELECTION 27 BALLOT, STATE OF MISSOURI" and "U.S. Postage Paid, 39 U.S.C. 28

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- 2 10. No information which encourages a vote for or against a

 candidate or issue shall be provided to any voter with a mail-in

 ballot.
- Upon receiving a mail-in ballot by mail, the voter 5 6 shall mark the ballot in secret, place the ballot in the ballot envelope, seal the envelope and fill out the statement on the 7 8 ballot envelope. The statement required under subsection 7 of this section shall be subscribed and sworn to before a notary 9 public or other officer authorized by law to administer oaths. 10 If the voter is blind, unable to read or write the English 11 language, or physically incapable of voting the ballot, the voter 12 may be assisted by a person of the voter's own choosing. Any 13 person who assists a voter and in any manner coerces or initiates 14 15 a request or suggestion that the voter vote for or against, or 16 refrain from voting on, any question or candidate, shall be guilty of a class one election offense. If, upon counting, 17 challenge, or election contest, it is ascertained that any mail-18
- 21 <u>12. Each mail-in ballot shall be returned to the election</u>
 22 <u>authority in the ballot envelope and shall only be returned by</u>
 23 <u>the voter by United States mail.</u>

in ballot was voted with unlawful assistance, the ballot shall be

13. The secretary of state may prescribe uniform
regulations with respect to the printing of ballot envelopes and
mailing envelopes, which shall comply with standards established
by federal law or postal regulations. Mailing envelopes for use
in returning ballots shall be printed with business reply permits

2	All fees and costs for establishing and maintaining the business
3	reply and postage-free mail for all ballots cast shall be paid by
4	the secretary of state through state appropriations.
5	14. All votes on each mail-in ballot received by an
6	election authority at or before the time fixed by law for the
7	closing of the polls on election day shall be counted. No votes
8	on any mail-in ballot received by an election authority after the
9	time fixed by law for the closing of the polls on election day
10	shall be counted.
11	15. If sufficient evidence is shown to an election
12	authority that any mail-in voter has died prior to the opening of
13	the polls on election day, the ballot of the deceased voter shall
14	be rejected if it is still sealed in the ballot envelope. Any
15	such rejected ballot, still sealed in its ballot envelope, shall
16	be sealed with the application and any other papers connected
17	therewith in an envelope marked "Rejected ballot of, a
18 .	mail-in voter of voting district". The reason for
19	rejection shall be noted on the envelope, which shall be kept by
20	the election authority with the other ballots from the election
21	until the ballots are destroyed according to law.
22	16. As each mail-in ballot is received by the election
23	authority, the election authority shall indicate its receipt on
24	the list.
25	17. All mail-in ballot envelopes received by the election
26	authority shall be kept together in a safe place and shall not be
27	opened except as provided under this chapter.
28	18. Mail-in ballots shall be counted using the procedures

so that any ballot returned by mail does not require postage.

- 1 set out in sections 115.297, 115.299, 115.300, and 115.303.
- 2 19. The false execution of a mail-in ballot is a class one
- 3 election offense. The attorney general or any prosecuting or
- 4 circuit attorney shall have the authority to prosecute such
- offense either in the county of residence of the person or in the
- 6 circuit court of Cole County.
- 7 20. The provisions of this section shall apply only to an
- 8 election that occurs during the year 2020, to avoid the risk of
- 9 contracting or transmitting severe acute respiratory syndrome
- 10 coronavirus 2.
- 11 <u>21. The provisions of this section terminate and shall be</u>
- repealed on December 31, 2020, and shall not apply to any
- 13 election conducted after that date.
- 14 115.357. 1. Except as provided in subsections 3 and 4 of
- this section, each candidate for federal, state or county office
- shall, before filing his or her declaration of candidacy, pay to
- 17 the treasurer of the state or county committee of the political
- 18 party upon whose ticket he or she seeks nomination a certain sum
- 19 of money as follows:
- 20 (1) To the treasurer of the state central committee, [two]
- 21 <u>five</u> hundred dollars if he or she is a candidate for statewide
- office or for United States senator, [one] three hundred dollars
- 23 if he or she is a candidate for representative in Congress,
- 24 circuit judge or state senator, and one hundred fifty dollars if
- 25 he or she is a candidate for state representative;
- 26 (2) To the treasurer of the county central committee,
- 27 [fifty] one hundred dollars if he or she is a candidate for
- 28 county office.

_	2. The required sum may be submitted by the candidate to
2	the official accepting his or her declaration of candidacy,
3	except that a candidate required to file his or her declaration
4	of candidacy with the secretary of state shall pay the required
5	sum directly to the treasurer of the appropriate party committee.
6	All sums [so] submitted to the official accepting the candidate's
7	declaration of candidacy shall be forwarded promptly by the
8	official to the treasurer of the appropriate party committee.
9	3. Any person who cannot pay the fee required to file as a
10	candidate may have the fee waived by filing a declaration of
11	inability to pay and a petition with his declaration of
12	candidacy. Each such declaration shall be in substantially the
13	following form:
14	DECLARATION OF INABILITY TO PAY FILING FEE
15	I,, do hereby swear that I am financially unable
16	to pay the fee of (amount of fee) to file as a
17	candidate for nomination to the office of at the
18	primary election to be held on the day of`
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21	Signature of candidate Subscribed and sworn to before
22	me this,
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25	Residence address Signature of election official
26	or officer authorized to
27	administer oaths
28	If the candidate's declaration of candidacy is to be filed in

person, the declaration of inability to pay shall be subscribed 1 2 and sworn to by the candidate before the election official who witnesses the candidate's declaration of candidacy. 3 declaration of candidacy is to be filed by certified mail 4 pursuant to subsection 2 of section 115.355, the declaration of 5 inability to pay shall be subscribed and sworn to by the 6 candidate before the notary or other officer who witnesses the 7 candidate's declaration of candidacy. With his declaration of 9 inability to pay, the candidate shall submit a petition endorsing 10 his candidacy. Except for the number of signatures required, 11 each such petition shall, insofar as practicable, be in the form 12 provided in sections 115.321 and 115.325. If the person filing 13 declaration of indigence is to be a candidate for statewide office, his petition shall be signed by the number of registered 14 15 voters in the state equal to at least one-half of one percent of the total number of votes cast in the state for the office at the 16 last election in which a candidate ran for the office. 17 If the person filing a declaration of indigence is to be a candidate for 18 any other office, the petition shall be signed by the number of 19 20 registered voters in the district or political subdivision which is equal to at least one percent of the total number of votes 21 22 cast for the office at the last election in which a candidate ran for the office. The candidate's declaration of inability to pay 23 24 and the petition shall be filed at the same time and in the same manner as his declaration of candidacy is filed. The petition 25 shall be checked and its sufficiency determined in the same 26 27 manner as new party and independent candidate petitions.

4. No filing fee shall be required of any person who

- proposes to be an independent candidate, the candidate of a new party or a candidate for presidential elector.
- 5. Except as provided in subsections 3 and 4 of this section, no candidate's name shall be printed on any official ballot until the required fee has been paid.

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- 115.621. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, any legislative, senatorial, or judicial district committee that is wholly contained within a county or a city not within a county may choose to meet on the same day as the respective county or city committee. All other committees shall meet as otherwise prescribed in this section.
- The members of each county committee shall meet at the county seat not earlier than two weeks after each primary election but in no event later than the third Saturday after each primary election, at the discretion of the chairman at the committee. In each city not within a county, the city committee shall meet on the same day at the city hall. In all counties of the first, second, and third classification, the county courthouse shall be made available for such meetings and any other county political party meeting at no charge to the party committees. In all cities not within a county, the city hall shall be made available for such meetings and any other city political party meeting at no charge to the party committees. the meeting, each committee shall organize by electing two of its members, a man and a woman, as chair and vice chair, and a man and a woman who may or may not be members of the committee as secretary and treasurer.
 - 3. The members of each congressional district committee

shall meet at some place and time within the district, to be . 1 designated by the current chair of the committee, not earlier than five weeks after each primary election but in no event later than the sixth Saturday after each primary election. The county courthouse in counties of the first, second and third classification in which the meeting is to take place, as designated by the chair, shall be made available for such meeting and any other congressional district political party committee meeting at no charge to the committee. At the meeting, the committee shall organize by electing one of its members as chair and one of its members as vice chair, one of whom shall be a woman and one of whom shall be a man, and a secretary and a treasurer, one of whom shall be a woman and one of whom shall be a man, who may or may not be members of the committee.

4. The members of each legislative district committee shall meet at some place and date within the legislative district or within one of the counties in which the legislative district exists, to be designated by the current chair of the committee, not earlier than three weeks after each primary election but in no event later than the fourth Saturday after each primary election. The county courthouse in counties of the first, second and third classification in which the meeting is to take place, as designated by the chair, shall be made available for such meeting and any other legislative district political party committee meeting at no charge to the committee. At the meeting, the committee shall organize by electing two of its members, a man and a woman, as chair and vice chair, and a man and a woman who may or may not be members of the committee as secretary and

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5. The members of each senatorial district committee shall meet at some place and date within the district, to be designated by the current chair of the committee, if there is one, and if not, by the chair of the congressional district in which the senatorial district is principally located, not earlier than four weeks after each primary election but in no event later than the fifth Saturday after each primary election. The county courthouse in counties of the first, second and third classification in which the meeting is to take place, as so designated pursuant to this subsection, shall be made available for such meeting and any other senatorial district political party committee meeting at no charge to the committee. At the meeting, the committee shall organize by electing one of its members as chair and one of its members as vice chair, one of whom shall be a woman and one of whom shall be a man, and a secretary and a treasurer, one of whom shall be a woman and one of whom shall be a man, who may or may not be members of the committee.

6. The members of each senatorial district shall also meet at some place within the district, to be designated by the current chair of the committee, if there is one, and if not, by the chair of the congressional district in which the senatorial district is principally located, on the Saturday after each general election or concurrently with the election of senatorial officers, if designated or not objected to by the chair of the congressional district where the senatorial district is principally located. At the meeting, the committee shall proceed

- to elect two registered voters of the district, one man and one woman, as members of the party's state committee.
- The members of each judicial district may meet at some 3 place and date within the judicial district or within one of the 4 counties in which the judicial district exists, to be designated 5 by the current chair of the committee or the chair of the 6 congressional district committee, not earlier than six weeks 7 after each primary election but in no event later than the 8 seventh Saturday after each primary election. The county 9 courthouse in counties of the first, second and third 10 11 classification in which the meeting is to take place, as so designated pursuant to this subsection, shall be made available 12 for such meeting and any other judicial district political party 13 committee meeting at no charge to the committee. At the meeting, 14 the committee shall organize by electing two of its members, a 15 16 man and a woman, as chair and vice chair, and a man and a woman who may or may not be members of the committee as secretary and 17 18 treasurer.
 - 115.642. 1. Any person may file a complaint with the secretary of state stating the name of any person who has violated any of the provisions of sections 115.629 to 115.646 and stating the facts of the alleged offense, sworn to, under penalty of perjury.

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2. Within thirty days of receiving a complaint, the secretary of state shall notify the person filing the complaint whether or not the secretary has dismissed the complaint or will commence an investigation. The secretary of state shall dismiss frivolous complaints. For purposes of this subsection,

- 1 "frivolous complaint" shall mean an allegation clearly lacking
- 2 any basis in fact or law. Any person who makes a frivolous
- 3 complaint pursuant to this section shall be liable for actual and
- 4 compensatory damages to the alleged violator for holding the
- 5 alleged violator before the public in a false light. If
- 6 reasonable grounds appear that the alleged offense was committed,
- 7 the secretary of state may issue a probable cause statement. If
- 8 the secretary of state issues a probable cause statement, he or
- 9 she may refer the offense to the appropriate prosecuting
- 10 attorney.
- 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 27.060,
- 12 56.060, or 56.430 to the contrary, when requested by the
- prosecuting attorney or circuit attorney, the secretary of state
- or his or her authorized representatives may aid any prosecuting
- 15 attorney or circuit attorney in the commencement and prosecution
- of election offenses as provided in sections 115.629 to 115.646.
- 17 4. (1) The secretary of state may investigate any
- suspected violation of any of the provisions of sections 115.629
- 19 to 115.646.
- 20 (2) (a) The secretary of state or an authorized
- 21 representative of the secretary of state shall have the power to
- 22 require the production of books, papers, correspondence,
- 23 memoranda, contracts, agreements, and other records by subpoena
- or otherwise when necessary to conduct an investigation under
- 25 this section. Such powers shall be exercised only at the
- 26 specific written direction of the secretary of state or his or
- 27 her chief deputy.
- 28 (b) If any person refuses to comply with a subpoena issued

- under this subsection, the secretary of state may seek to enforce
- 2 the subpoena before a court of competent jurisdiction to require
- the production of books, papers, correspondence, memoranda,
- 4 contracts, agreements, and other records. The court may issue an
- 5 order requiring the person to produce records relating to the
- 6 matter under investigation or in question. Any person who fails
- 7 to comply with the order may be held in contempt of court.
- 8 (c) The provisions of this subdivision shall expire on
- 9 August 28, 2025.
- 10 115.652. 1. An election shall not be conducted under
- 11 sections 115.650 to 115.660 unless:
- 12 (1) The officer or agency calling the election submits a
- written request that the election be conducted by mail. Such
- 14 request shall be submitted not later than the date specified in
- section 115.125 for submission of the notice of election and
- 16 sample ballot;
- 17 (2) The election authority responsible for conducting the
- 18 election authorizes the use of mailed ballots for the election;
- 19 (3) The election is nonpartisan;
- 20 (4) The election is not one at which any candidate is
- 21 elected, retained or recalled; and
- 22 (5) The election is an issue election at which all of the
- 23 qualified voters of any one political subdivision are the only
- voters eligible to vote.
- 25 <u>2. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1 of this</u>
- 26 section or any other provision of law to the contrary, an
- 27 <u>election may be conducted by mail as authorized under section</u>
- 28 115.302, during the year 2020, to avoid the risk of contracting

- or transmitting severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2.

 This subsection shall expire December 31, 2020.
- 115.761. 1. The official list of presidential candidates
 for each established political party shall include the names of
 all constitutionally qualified candidates for whom, on or after
 8:00 a.m. on the fifteenth Tuesday prior to the presidential
 primary, and on or before 5:00 p.m., on the eleventh Tuesday
 prior to the presidential primary, a written request to be
- secretary of state along with:

 (1) Receipt of payment to the state committee of the
 established political party on whose ballot the candidate wishes

to appear of a filing fee of [one] five thousand dollars; or

included on the presidential primary ballot is filed with the

authorized by law to administer oaths, that the candidate is unable to pay the filing fee and does not have funds in a campaign fund or committee to pay the filing fee and a petition signed by not less than five thousand registered Missouri voters, as determined by the secretary of state, that the candidate's name be placed on the ballot of the specified established political party for the presidential preference primary. The request to be included on the presidential primary ballot shall include each signer's printed name, registered address and signature and shall be in substantially the following form:

I (We) the undersigned, do hereby request that the name

presidential primary ballot as candidate for nomination

of be placed upon the February _____, ____,

as the nominee for President of the United States on

the _____ party ticket.

- 2. The state or national party organization of an established political party that adopts rules imposing signature requirements to be met before a candidate can be listed as an official candidate shall notify the secretary of state by October first of the year preceding the presidential primary.
 - 3. Any candidate or such candidate's authorized representative may have such candidate's name stricken from the presidential primary ballot by filing with the secretary of state on or before 5:00 p.m. on the eleventh Tuesday prior to the presidential primary election a written statement, sworn to before an officer authorized by law to administer oaths, requesting that such candidate's name not be printed on the official primary ballot. Thereafter, the secretary of state shall not include the name of that candidate in the official list announced pursuant to section 115.758 or in the certified list of candidates transmitted pursuant to section 115.765.
 - 4. The filing times set out in this section shall only apply to presidential preference primaries, and are in lieu of those established in section 115.349.
 - 347.740. The secretary of state may collect an additional fee of five dollars on each and every fee required in this chapter. All fees collected as provided in this section shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the secretary of state's technology trust fund account. The provisions of this section shall expire on December 31, [2021] 2026.
- 351.127. The secretary of state may collect an additional fee of five dollars on each and every fee required in this

- 1 chapter, provided that the secretary of state may collect an
- 2 additional fee of ten dollars on each corporate registration
- 3 report fee filed under section 351.122. All fees collected as
- 4 provided in this section shall be deposited in the state treasury
- and credited to the secretary of state's technology trust fund
- 6 account. The provisions of this section shall expire on December
- 7 31, [2021] 2026.
- 8 355.023. The secretary of state may collect an additional
- 9 fee of five dollars on each and every fee required in this
- 10 chapter. All fees collected as provided in this section shall be
- 11 deposited in the state treasury and credited to the secretary of
- 12 state's technology trust fund account. The provisions of this
- section shall expire on December 31, [2021] 2026.
- 14 356.233. The secretary of state may collect an additional
- 15 fee of five dollars on each and every fee required in this
- 16 chapter. All fees collected as provided in this section shall be
- 17 deposited in the state treasury and credited to the secretary of
- 18 state's technology trust fund account. The provisions of this
- section shall expire on December 31, [2021] 2026.
- 20 359.653. The secretary of state may collect an additional
- 21 fee of five dollars on each and every fee required in this
- chapter. All fees collected as provided in this section shall be
- 23 deposited in the state treasury and credited to the secretary of
- 24 state's technology trust fund account. The provisions of this
- section shall expire on December 31, [2021] 2026.
- 26 400.9-528. The secretary of state may collect an additional
- fee of five dollars on each and every fee paid to the secretary
- of state as required in chapter 400.9. All fees collected as

provided in this section shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the secretary of state's technology trust fund account. The provisions of this section shall expire on December 31, [2021] 2026.

417.018. The secretary of state may collect an additional fee of five dollars on each and every fee required in this chapter. All fees collected as provided in this section shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the secretary of state's technology trust fund account. The provisions of this section shall expire on December 31, [2021] 2026.

Section B. Because immediate action is necessary to ensure citizens can safely exercise the right to vote in the 2020 election, the enactment of section 115.302 and the repeal and reenactment of sections 115.277, 115.283, 115.285, 115.291, and 115.652 of this act is deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, welfare, peace and safety, and is hereby declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and the enactment of section 115.302 and the repeal and reenactment of sections 115.277, 115.283, 115.285, 115.291, and 115.652 of this act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

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