SENATE BILL NO. 410

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

AN ACT

To repeal section 115.247, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to election ballots.

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

Section A. Section 115.247, RSMo, is repealed and one new section

2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 115.247, to read as follows:

115.247. 1. Each election authority shall provide all ballots for every

2 election within its jurisdiction. Ballots other than those printed by the election

3 authority in accordance with sections 115.001 to 115.641 and section 51.460,

4 RSMo, shall not be cast or counted at any election.

5 2. Whenever it appears that an error has occurred in any publication

6 required by sections 115.001 to 115.641 and section 51.460, RSMo, or in the

7 printing of any ballot, any circuit court may, upon the application of any voter,

8 order the appropriate election authorities to correct the error or to show cause

9 why the error should not be corrected.

10 3. For each election held in a county with a charter form of government

11 and with more than two hundred fifty thousand but fewer than three hundred

12 fifty thousand inhabitants, the election authority may provide for each polling

13 place in its jurisdiction fifty-five [ballots] **ballot cards** for each fifty and fraction

14 of fifty voters registered in the voting district at the time of the election. For

15 each election, except a general election, held in any county other than a county

16 with a charter form of government and with more than two hundred fifty

17 thousand but fewer than three hundred fifty thousand inhabitants, the election

18 authority shall provide for each polling place in its jurisdiction a number of

19 [ballots] **ballot cards** equal to at least one and one-third times the number of

EXPLANATION–Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

20 **voters who cast** ballots **[**cast**]** in the voting district served by such polling place

21 at the election held two years before at that polling place or at the polling place

22 that served the voting district in the previous election. For each general election

23 held in any county other than a county with a charter form of government and

24 with more than two hundred fifty thousand but fewer than three hundred fifty

25 thousand inhabitants, the election authority shall provide for each polling place

26 in its jurisdiction a number of **[**ballots**]** **ballot cards** equal to one and one-third

27 times the number of **voters who cast** ballots **[**cast**]** in the voting district served

28 by such polling place or at the polling place that served the voting district in the

29 general election held four years prior. When determining the number of **[**ballots**]**

30 **ballot cards** to provide for each polling place, the election authority shall

31 consider any factors that would affect the turnout at such polling place. The

32 election authority shall keep a record of the exact number of **[**ballots**]** **ballot**

33 **cards** delivered to each polling place. For purposes of this subsection, the

34 election authority shall not be required to count registered voters designated as

35 inactive pursuant to section 115.193.

36   4. After the polls have closed on every election day, the election judges

37 shall return all unused ballots to the election authority with the other election

38 supplies.

39   5. All ballots cast in public elections shall be printed and distributed at

40 public expense, payable as provided in sections 115.061 to 115.077.

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