

**SENATE AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

Amend SS/Senate Bill No. 46, Page 1, Section A, Line 3,

2 by inserting after all of said line the following:

3 "115.151. 1. Each qualified applicant who appears  
4 before the election authority shall be deemed registered as  
5 of the time the applicant's completed, signed and sworn  
6 registration application is witnessed by the election  
7 authority or deputy registration official.

8 2. Each applicant who registers by mail shall be  
9 deemed to be registered as of the date the application is  
10 postmarked, if such application is accepted and not rejected  
11 by the election authority and the verification notice  
12 required pursuant to section 115.155 is not returned as  
13 undeliverable by the postal service.

14 3. Each applicant who registers at a voter  
15 registration agency or the division of motor vehicle and  
16 drivers licensing of the department of revenue shall be  
17 deemed to be registered as of the date the application is  
18 signed by the applicant, if such application is accepted and  
19 not rejected by the election authority and the verification  
20 notice required pursuant to section 115.155 is not returned  
21 as undeliverable by the postal service. Voter registration  
22 agencies [and the division of motor vehicle and drivers  
23 licensing of the department of revenue] shall transmit voter  
24 registration application forms to the appropriate election  
25 authority not later than five business days after the form  
26 is completed by the applicant. The division of motor

27 vehicle and drivers licensing of the department of revenue  
28 shall transmit voter registration application forms to the  
29 appropriate election authority not later than three business  
30 days after the form is completed by the applicant.

31 115.160. 1. All Missouri driver's license applicants  
32 shall receive a voter registration application form as a  
33 simultaneous part of the application for a driver's license,  
34 renewal of driver's license, change of address, duplicate  
35 request and a nondriver's license. The director of revenue  
36 shall utilize electronic voter registration application  
37 forms and provide for secure electronic transfer of voter  
38 registration information to election authorities. The  
39 secretary of state and the director of revenue shall ensure  
40 the confidentiality and integrity of the voter registration  
41 data collected, maintained, received, or transmitted under  
42 this section.

43 2. If a single application form is used, the voter  
44 registration application portion of any application  
45 described in subsection 1 of this section may not require  
46 any information that duplicates information required in the  
47 driver's license portion of the form, except a second  
48 signature or other information required by law.

49 3. After conferring with the secretary of state as the  
50 chief state election official responsible for overseeing of  
51 the voter registration process, the director of revenue  
52 shall adopt rules and regulations pertaining to the format  
53 of the voter registration application used by the  
54 department.

55 4. No information relating to the failure of an  
56 applicant for a driver's license or nondriver's license to  
57 sign a voter registration application may be used for any  
58 purpose other than voter registration.

59           5. Any voter registration application received  
60 pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be  
61 forwarded, in a secure and electronic manner, to the  
62 election authority located within that county or any city  
63 not within a county, or if there is more than one election  
64 authority within the county, then to the election authority  
65 located nearest to the location where the driver's license  
66 application was received. Voter registration information,  
67 including an electronic image of the signature of the  
68 applicant, shall be transmitted in a format compatible with  
69 the Missouri voter registration system established in  
70 section 115.158 which allows for review by the election  
71 authority and does not require the election authority to  
72 manually reenter the information, provided that the election  
73 authority shall print out a paper copy of the information  
74 and retain such information in the manner required by  
75 section 115.145. The election authority receiving the  
76 application forms shall review the applications and forward,  
77 in a secure and electronic manner, any applications  
78 pertaining to a different election authority to that  
79 election authority.

80           6. A completed voter registration application accepted  
81 in the driver's licensing process shall be transmitted to  
82 the election authority described in subsection 5 of this  
83 section not later than five business days after the form is  
84 completed by the applicant.

85           7. Any person registering to vote when applying for or  
86 renewing a Missouri driver's license shall submit with the  
87 application form a copy of a birth certificate, a Native  
88 American tribal document, or other proof of United States  
89 citizenship, a valid Missouri driver's license, or other  
90 form of personal identification.

91           115.960. 1. An election authority is authorized to  
92 accept voter registration applications with a signature  
93 submitted to the election authority under the provisions of  
94 sections 432.200 to 432.295 as provided in this section:

95           (1) Sections 432.200 to 432.295 shall only apply to  
96 transactions between parties that have agreed to conduct  
97 transactions by electronic means;

98           (2) Except as provided in subsection 2 of this  
99 section, as used in this section and sections 432.200 to  
100 432.295, the parties who agree to conduct voter registration  
101 transactions by electronic means shall be the local election  
102 authority who is required to accept or reject a voter  
103 registration application and the prospective voter  
104 submitting the application;

105           (3) A local election authority is authorized to  
106 develop, maintain, and approve systems that transmit voter  
107 registration applications electronically under sections  
108 432.200 to 432.295;

109           (4) Except as provided in subsection 2 of this section  
110 and section 115.160, no officer, agency, or organization  
111 shall collect or submit a voter registration application  
112 with an electronic signature to an election authority  
113 without first obtaining approval of the data and signature  
114 format from the local election authority and the approval of  
115 the voter to collect and store the signature and data; and

116           (5) Local election authorities who maintain a voter  
117 registration application system shall direct voter  
118 registration applicants from other jurisdictions to the  
119 system used by the local election authority for that  
120 jurisdiction to accept voter registration applications  
121 electronically.

122           2. A system maintained by the secretary of state's  
123 office shall be used to accept voter registration

124 applications electronically subsequent to approval from the  
125 committee formed as set forth in this subsection:

126       (1) Within thirty days of, but in no event prior to  
127 January 1, 2017, the president of the Missouri Association  
128 of County Clerks and Election Authorities shall appoint  
129 fourteen of its members to serve on a committee to approve  
130 and develop uniform standards, systems, and modifications  
131 that shall be used by the secretary of state in any  
132 electronic voter registration application system offered by  
133 that office. The committee may also make recommendations  
134 regarding the purchase, maintenance, integration, and  
135 operation of electronic databases, software, and hardware  
136 used by local election authorities and the secretary of  
137 state's office including, but not limited to, systems used  
138 for military and overseas voting and for building and  
139 conducting election operations. The committee shall have  
140 fourteen local election authorities, including  
141 representatives of each classification of counties, a  
142 representative from an election board, and at least one  
143 member who has experience processing online voter  
144 registration transactions. In addition, one representative  
145 appointed by the secretary of state's office shall serve on  
146 the committee;

147       (2) The committee shall immediately meet to approve  
148 electronic signature formats and a minimum set of data  
149 collection standards for use in a voter registration  
150 application system maintained by the secretary of state;

151       (3) Once the format and data collection standards are  
152 approved by the committee and implemented for the system  
153 maintained by the secretary of state, local election  
154 authorities shall accept the transmission of voter  
155 registration applications submitted to the approved system  
156 under the provisions of sections 432.200 to 432.295;

157           (4) The secretary of state's office shall direct  
158 eligible voters to a local election authority's system to  
159 accept voter registration applications electronically if the  
160 local election authority has a system in place as of August  
161 28, 2016, or implements a system that meets the same  
162 standards and format that has been approved by the committee  
163 for the secretary of state's system;

164           (5) The committee shall meet not less than  
165 semiannually through June 30, 2019, to recommend and approve  
166 changes and enhancements proposed by the secretary of state  
167 or election authorities to the electronic voter registration  
168 application system. Vacancies that occur on the committee  
169 shall be filled by the president of the Missouri Association  
170 of County Clerks and Election Authorities at the time of the  
171 vacancy;

172           (6) To improve the accuracy of voter registration  
173 application data and reduce costs for local election  
174 authorities, the system maintained by the secretary of state  
175 shall, as soon as is practical, provide a method where the  
176 data entered by the voter registration applicant does not  
177 have to be re-entered by the election authority to the state  
178 voter registration database.

179           3. Each applicant who registers using an approved  
180 electronic voter registration application system shall be  
181 deemed to be registered as of the date the signed  
182 application is submitted to the system, if such application  
183 is accepted and not rejected by the election authority and  
184 the verification notice required under section 115.155 is  
185 not returned as undeliverable by the postal service.

186           4. This section shall not apply to voter registration  
187 and absentee records submitted by voters authorized under  
188 federal law, section 115.291, or sections 115.900 to 115.936  
189 to submit electronic records and signatures.

190           5. High quality copies, including electronic copies,  
191 of signatures made on paper documents may be used for  
192 petition signature verification purposes and retained as  
193 records.

194           6. Any signature required for petition submission  
195 under chapter 116 shall be handwritten on a paper document.

196           7. **[Notwithstanding the provisions of section 432.230]**  
197 Except as provided under sections 115.160 and 432.230,  
198 nothing in this section shall require the election authority  
199 to accept voter registration records or signatures created,  
200 generated, sent, communicated, received, stored, or  
201 otherwise processed, or used by electronic means or in  
202 electronic form from any officer, agency, or organization  
203 not authorized under subsection 2 of this section without  
204 prior approval from the election authority. Election  
205 authorities shall accept and process voter registration  
206 records, including electronic images of applicant  
207 signatures, transmitted electronically by the division of  
208 motor vehicle and drivers licensing of the department of  
209 revenue under section 115.160. Except as provided in  
210 subsection 2 of this section and section 115.160, no  
211 officer, agency, or organization shall give the voter the  
212 opportunity to submit a voter registration application with  
213 an electronic signature without first obtaining the approval  
214 of the local election authority.

215           8. An election authority that agrees to conduct a  
216 transaction by electronic means may refuse to conduct other  
217 transactions by electronic means.

218           9. No election authority or the secretary of state  
219 shall furnish to any member of the public any data collected  
220 under a voter registration application system except as  
221 authorized in subsections 1 to 5 of section 115.157.

222           10. Nothing in this section shall be construed to  
223 require the secretary of state to cease operating a voter  
224 registration application in place as of the effective date  
225 of this act."; and

226           Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.