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SENATE BILL NO. 116

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR BRATTIN.

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 115.013, 115.074, 115.078, 115.179, 115.181, 115.193, 115.221, and 115.642, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof ten new sections relating to elections, with an effective date.

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

Section A. Sections 115.013, 115.074, 115.078, 115.179,

- 2 115.181, 115.193, 115.221, and 115.642, RSMo, are repealed and
- 3 ten new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as
- 4 sections 115.013, 115.179, 115.181, 115.193, 115.220, 115.221,
- 5 115.642, 115.1500, 115.1505, and 115.1510, to read as follows:

115.013. As used in this chapter, unless the context

- 2 clearly implies otherwise, the following terms mean:
- 3 (1) "Air-gap" or "air-gapped", a security measure in
- 4 which equipment is physically and technically isolated from
- 5 any network and is not directly connected to the internet
- 6 nor is it connected to any other system that is connected to
- 7 the internet. Data can only be passed to an air-gapped
- 8 device physically via a USB or other removable media;
- 9 (2) "Automatic tabulating equipment", the apparatus
- 10 necessary to examine and automatically count votes, and the
- 11 data processing machines which are used for counting votes
- 12 and tabulating results and which are air-gapped and not
- 13 physically able to be connected to a network;
- 14 (3) "Ballot", the paper ballot, or ballot designed
- 15 for use with an electronic voting system on which each voter

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

may cast all votes to which he or she is entitled at an
election;

- 18 (4) "Ballot label", the card, paper, booklet, page, or 19 other material containing the names of all offices and 20 candidates and statements of all questions to be voted on;
- 21 (5) "Counting location", a location selected by the 22 election authority for the automatic processing or counting, 23 or both, of ballots;
- 24 (6) "County", any county in this state or any city not
 25 within a county;
- (7) "Disqualified", a determination made by a court of competent jurisdiction, the Missouri ethics commission, an election authority or any other body authorized by law to make such a determination that a candidate is ineligible to hold office or not entitled to be voted on for office;
- 31 (8) "District", an area within the state or within a 32 political subdivision of the state from which a person is 33 elected to represent the area on a policy-making body with 34 representatives of other areas in the state or political 35 subdivision;
- 36 (9) "Electronic voting machine", any part of an air37 gapped electronic voting system on which a voter is able to
 38 cast a ballot under this chapter;
- 39 (10) "Electronic voting system", a system of casting 40 votes by use of marking devices, and counting votes by use 41 of automatic air-gapped tabulating or air-gapped data 42 processing equipment, including computerized voting systems 43 that mark or tabulate ballots;
- 44 (11) "Established political party" for the state, a 45 political party which, at either of the last two general 46 elections, polled for its candidate for any statewide office 47 more than two percent of the entire vote cast for the

- 48 office. "Established political party" for any district or
- 49 political subdivision shall mean a political party which
- 50 polled more than two percent of the entire vote cast at
- 51 either of the last two elections in which the district or
- 52 political subdivision voted as a unit for the election of
- officers or representatives to serve its area;
- 54 (12) "Federal office", the office of presidential
- 55 elector, United States senator, or representative in
- 56 Congress;
- 57 (13) "Independent", a candidate who is not a candidate
- of any political party and who is running for an office for
- 59 which political party candidates may run;
- 60 (14) "Major political party", the political party
- 61 whose candidates received the highest or second highest
- 62 number of votes at the last general election;
- (15) "Marking device", any device approved by the
- 64 secretary of state under section 115.225 which will enable
- 65 the votes to be counted by automatic tabulating equipment;
- (16) "Municipal" or "municipality", a city, village,
- or incorporated town of this state;
- 68 (17) "New party", any political group which has filed
- 69 a valid petition and is entitled to place its list of
- 70 candidates on the ballot at the next general or special
- 71 election;
- 72 (18) "Nonpartisan", a candidate who is not a candidate
- 73 of any political party and who is running for an office for
- 74 which party candidates may not run;
- 75 (19) "Political party", any established political
- 76 party and any new party;
- 77 (20) "Political subdivision", a county, city, town,
- 78 village, or township of a township organization county;

79 (21) "Polling place", the voting place designated for 80 all voters residing in one or more precincts for any 81 election;

- 82 (22) "Precincts", the geographical areas into which 83 the election authority divides its jurisdiction for the 84 purpose of conducting elections;
- "Public office", any office established by 85 constitution, statute or charter and any employment under 86 the United States, the state of Missouri, or any political 87 88 subdivision or special district thereof, but does not include any office in the Missouri state defense force or 89 the National Guard or the office of notary public or city 90 91 attorney in cities of the third classification or cities of the fourth classification; 92
- 93 (24) "Question", any measure on the ballot which can 94 be voted "YES" or "NO";
- 95 (25) "Relative within the second degree by 96 consanguinity or affinity", a spouse, parent, child, 97 grandparent, brother, sister, grandchild, mother-in-law, 98 father-in-law, daughter-in-law, or son-in-law;
- 99 (26) "Special district", any school district, water 100 district, fire protection district, hospital district, 101 health center, nursing district, or other districts with 102 taxing authority, or other district formed pursuant to the 103 laws of Missouri to provide limited, specific services;
- 104 (27) "Special election", elections called by any
 105 school district, water district, fire protection district,
 106 or other district formed pursuant to the laws of Missouri to
 107 provide limited, specific services; and
- 108 (28) "Voter activity", registering to vote, voting in 109 an election, signing a petition to form a new political 110 party, signing a petition for the nomination of an

- independent candidate for office, or signing an initiative petition;
- 113 (29) "Voting district", the one or more precincts
 114 within which all voters vote at a single polling place for
- 115 any election.
 - 115.179. [1.] The election authority shall [have]
 - 2 canvass the registration records of all precincts in its
 - 3 jurisdiction [canvassed] every two years [in accordance with
 - 4 subsection 3 of section 115.163 and that it]. Such canvass
 - 5 shall be completed no later than ninety days prior to the
 - 6 date of a primary or general election for federal office.
 - 7 [The election authority may utilize postal service
 - 8 contractors under the federal National Change of Address
 - 9 program to canvass the records.
- 10 2. In each jurisdiction without a board of election
- 11 commissioners, the county clerk shall have the registration
- records of all precincts in its jurisdiction canvassed every
- two years in accordance with subsection 3 of section 115.163
- and that it be completed no later than ninety days prior to
- 15 the date of a primary or general election for federal
- office.]
 - 115.181. 1. In its discretion, the election authority
- 2 may order all or any part of a canvass to be made using any
- 3 one of the following methods, or any combination thereof:
- 4 (1) House-to-house, pursuant to sections 115.185 and
- 5 **115.187**;
- 6 (2) Through the United States Postal Service, [or by
- 7 both methods] pursuant to section 115.189; or
- 8 (3) Through the utilization of postal service
- 9 contractors pursuant to the federal National Change of
- 10 Address program.

- 2. At the discretion of the election authority, [the]

 a canvass may be made by including only those voters who did

 not vote at the last general election and those voters who

 registered since the last general election.
- 115.193. 1. Upon completion of a canvass as provided
 for in this chapter, the election authority shall remove a
 registered voter's name [shall not be removed] from the list
 of registered voters on the precinct register on the ground
 that the voter has changed residence [unless] if:
- (1) The voter confirms in writing that the voter has
 changed residence to a place outside the election
 authority's jurisdiction in which the voter is registered; or
- 9 (2) The voter fails to respond to a notice described 10 in subsection 3 of this section and has not [voted in an 11 election] engaged in voter activity during the period 12 beginning on the date of the notice and ending on the day 13 after the date of the second general election that occurs 14 after the date of the notice.
- 2. The notice referred to in subsection 1, subdivision
 (2) of this section shall contain a postage prepaid and
 preaddressed return card, sent by forwardable mail, on which
 the voter may state the voter's current address.
- 19 3. The notice shall also contain the following
 20 statements:
- "(1) Any voter who has not changed his or her 21 22 residence, or has changed residence but remained in the same election authority's jurisdiction, shall return the card not 23 later than the fourth Wednesday prior to the next election. 24 25 If the card is not returned by this date, oral or written affirmation of the voter's address may be required at the 26 polling place before the voter will be permitted to vote in 27 an election during the period beginning on the date of the 28

- 29 notice and ending on the day after the date of the second
- 30 general election that occurs after the date of the notice.
- 31 Any voter who does not [vote in an election] engage in voter
- 32 activity during that period, will have his or her name
- 33 removed from the list of eligible voters;
- 34 (2) For additional information on registering to vote,
- 35 contact the election authority located in the county of your
- 36 current residence. If you reside in the City of St. Louis,
- 37 contact the St. Louis City election board."
- 4. If the election authority believes that the name of
- 39 any voter was improperly removed from the [registration]
- 40 records] list of registered voters on the precinct register,
- 41 it may, by telephone or in writing on election day,
- 42 authorize election judges to permit the voter to vote. The
- 43 voter may be required to execute an affidavit of
- 44 qualification on a form prescribed by the election authority
- 45 before being permitted to vote.
- 46 5. An election authority may designate any voter as an
- 47 inactive voter if the election authority receives from the
- 48 United States Postal Service notification that the voter no
- 49 longer resides at the address last known to the election
- 50 authority and no forwarding address is available, or the
- 51 voter fails to respond to the notice authorized in
- 52 subdivision (2) of subsection 1 of this section within
- 53 thirty days after the election authority sends such notice.
- 54 Such voter may be designated as an inactive voter only until:
- 55 (1) The voter returns such notice to the election
- 56 authority;
- 57 (2) The voter provides the election authority with his
- 58 or her new address pursuant to the provisions of this
- 59 chapter;

60 (3) The voter provides a written affirmation that the voter has not changed residence; or

- 62 (4) The election authority receives sufficient
- 63 information to remove the voter from the list of registered
- or voters pursuant to this section or section 115.165, or
- 65 return the voter to the active list of registered voters in
- 66 the jurisdiction.
- 6. An election authority may exclude inactive voters
- 68 to determine only:
- (1) The number of ballots to be printed pursuant to
- 70 section 115.247;
- 71 (2) The proportional costs of elections; or
- 72 (3) Mailing information to registered voters.
 - 115.220. 1. State agencies shall provide to the
- 2 secretary of state, on a schedule to be determined by the
- 3 secretary of state, any information and data that the
- 4 secretary of state considers necessary to maintain the
- 5 statewide voter registration database established according
- 6 to section 115.158, except where prohibited by federal law
- 7 or federal regulation. The secretary of state shall ensure
- 8 that any information or data provided to the secretary of
- 9 state that is confidential in the possession of the entity
- 10 providing the data remains confidential while in the
- 11 possession of the secretary of state.
- 12 2. The secretary of state shall enter into agreements
- 13 to share information or data that is in the possession of
- 14 the secretary of state with other states or groups of
- 15 states, as the secretary of state considers necessary, to
- 16 maintain the statewide voter registration database. Except
- 17 as otherwise provided in this section, the secretary of
- 18 state shall ensure that any information or data provided to
- 19 the secretary of state that is confidential remains

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20 confidential while in the possession of the secretary of 21 state.

- The clerk of each circuit court shall, on or before 22 3. 23 the tenth day of each month, prepare and transmit to the secretary of state, in a format prescribed by the secretary 24 25 of state, a complete list of all persons, including addresses, ages, and other identifying information as 26 27 specified by the secretary of state, who identify themselves 28 as not being citizens of the United States during their 29 qualification to serve as a juror during the preceding 30 calendar month in that county.
 - 4. Upon receipt of the lists described in subsection 3 of this section, the secretary of state shall transmit the names of such persons whose names appear on the list of electors to the appropriate election authority who shall remove all such names from the voter registration list and shall mail a notice of such action and the reason therefor to the last known address of such persons by first-class mail.

115.221. [Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary,]

- 1. Each election authority may [have] inspect the
 voting records [inspected and may] of all precincts in its
 jurisdiction.
 - 2. (1) Each election authority shall investigate the qualifications of any person who has not [voted] engaged in voter activity or has transferred his or her registration within the [four] two preceding calendar years.
- 10 (2) If an election authority determines that a
 11 registered voter has not engaged in voter activity within
 12 the two preceding calendar years, the election authority

shall include such registered voter in any canvass conducted pursuant to section 115.181.

115.642. 1. [Any person may file a complaint with the

- 2 secretary of state stating the name of any person who has
- 3 violated any of the provisions of sections 115.629 to
- 4 115.646 and stating the facts of the alleged offense, sworn
- 5 to, under penalty of perjury.] There is hereby created the
- 6 "Office of Election Crimes and Security" within the office
- of the secretary of state. The secretary of state shall
- 8 employ a director and investigators within the office,
- 9 subject to appropriation. The office shall have the
- 10 following duties:
- 11 (1) Responding to notifications and complaints
- 12 alleging a violation of this chapter;
- 13 (2) Reviewing notices and reports of alleged
- 14 violations of this chapter and conducting investigations as
- 15 deemed necessary;
- 16 (3) Initiating independent inquiries and conducting
- 17 investigations into alleged violations of this chapter; and
- 18 (4) Overseeing a voter fraud hotline.
- 19 2. The office shall review complaints and conduct
- 20 investigations into alleged violations of this chapter or
- 21 any rule adopted under this chapter. Within thirty days of
- 22 receiving a complaint, the [secretary of state] office shall
- 23 notify the person filing the complaint whether or not the
- 24 [secretary] office has dismissed the complaint or will
- 25 commence an investigation. The [secretary of state] office
- 26 shall dismiss frivolous complaints. For purposes of this
- 27 subsection, "frivolous complaint" shall mean an allegation
- 28 clearly lacking any basis in fact or law. [Any person who
- 29 makes a frivolous complaint pursuant to this section shall
- be liable for actual and compensatory damages to the alleged

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- in a false light. If reasonable grounds appear that the
- alleged offense was committed, the secretary of state may
- issue a probable cause statement. If the secretary of state
- issues a probable cause statement, he or she may refer the
- offense to the appropriate prosecuting attorney.]
- 3. [Notwithstanding the provisions of section 27.060,
- 38 56.060, or 56.430 to the contrary, when requested by the
- 39 prosecuting attorney or circuit attorney, the secretary of
- 40 state or his or her authorized representatives may aid any
- 41 prosecuting attorney or circuit attorney in the commencement
- 42 and prosecution of election offenses as provided in sections
- 43 115.629 to 115.646.
- 4. (1) The secretary of state may investigate any
- 45 suspected violation of any of the provisions of sections
- 46 115.629 to 115.646.
- (2) (a) The secretary of state or an authorized
- 48 representative of the secretary of state] (1) For the
- 49 purposes of this section, the office shall have the power to
- 50 require the production of books, papers, correspondence,
- 51 memoranda, contracts, agreements, and other records by
- 52 subpoena or otherwise when necessary to conduct an
- 53 investigation under this section. [Such powers shall be
- 54 exercised only at the specific written direction of the
- secretary of state or his or her chief deputy.]
- 56 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,
- 57 investigators conducting an investigation into an alleged
- 58 violation of this chapter shall not be restricted from
- 59 entering a polling place or the office of the election
- 60 authority under investigation.
- [(b)] (2) If any person refuses to comply with a
- 62 subpoena issued under subdivision (1) of this subsection,

- the secretary of state may seek to enforce the subpoena
- 64 before a court of competent jurisdiction to require the
- 65 production of books, papers, correspondence, memoranda,
- 66 contracts, agreements, and other records. The court may
- 67 issue an order requiring the person to produce records
- 68 relating to the matter under investigation or in question.
- 69 Any person who fails to comply with the order may be held in
- 70 contempt of court.
- 71 [(c) The provisions of this subdivision shall expire
- 72 on August 28, 2025.]
- 73 4. If, during the course of an investigation, the
- 74 office determines that there may be a violation of any
- 75 criminal law or a provision of this chapter, the findings of
- 76 the investigation shall be submitted to the attorney general
- 77 and the prosecuting or circuit attorney with jurisdiction
- 78 for further investigation or prosecution. This section
- 79 shall not limit the jurisdiction of any other office or
- 80 agency of the state to investigate violations of this
- 81 chapter or any rule adopted under this chapter.
- 82 5. (1) Before January fifteenth of each year, the
- 83 office shall submit a report to the governor, the speaker of
- 84 the house of representatives, the president pro tempore of
- 85 the senate, and the house of representatives and senate
- 86 committees with jurisdiction over elections that details
- 87 each investigation of alleged violations of this chapter
- 88 conducted during the previous calendar year. The report
- 89 shall include the following:
- 90 (a) The total number of complaints received;
- 91 (b) The number of independent investigations initiated
- 92 or dismissed; and
- 93 (c) The number of complaints referred to another
- 94 agency for further investigation or prosecution.

- 95 (2) For each complaint or investigation listed in 96 subdivision (1) of this subsection, the report shall detail:
- 97 (a) The source of the alleged violation;
- 98 (b) The law or rule allegedly violated and the nature 99 of the alleged violation;
- 100 (c) The county in which the alleged violation occurred;
- 101 (d) Whether the alleged violation was dismissed or 102 referred to another agency for further investigation or 103 prosecution and if so, to which agency; and
- 104 (e) The current status of the investigation or 105 resulting criminal case.
- 106 6. The attorney general shall have statewide 107 investigative authority and shall have concurrent authority 108 with the appropriate prosecuting or circuit attorney over 109 all violations of the provisions of sections 115.629 to 110 115.646.
- 115.1500. 1. As used in this section, the term 2 "communications" means federal directive or guidance 3 communicated to the state of Missouri through telephonic or 4 electronic means, through the mail, or through in-person contact pertaining to elections, including the times, 5 6 places, and manner for carrying out elections in Missouri, 7 received on or after the effective date of this section, by 8 any state agency or person, group, or entity charged by the 9 state to administer any official election occurring within This includes, but is not limited to, any 10 the state. quidance issued by the United States Department of Justice 11 or any other federal executive agency related to new or 12
- 2. Any state agency, whether that agency is involved in elections or not, or any person, group, or entity charged by the state to administer any official election occurring

existing voting or election laws or procedures.

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- 17 within the state, who receives or responds to a
- 18 communication from the United States Department of Justice
- 19 or any other federal executive branch agency related to new
- 20 or existing voting or election laws, shall provide notice to
- 21 the governor and general assembly of this communication
- 22 within five business days.
- 3. The notice requirement in subsection 2 of this
- 24 section shall be presumed to have been met based on the post-
- 25 marked date on each letter sent to the governor and general
- 26 assembly, through certified mail, outlining the
- 27 communication the agency, person, group, or entity received
- 28 from or responded to the United States Department of Justice
- 29 or any other federal executive agency.
 - 115.1505. 1. As used in this section, the term "new
- 2 federal election guidance" means any federal directive or
- 3 guidance pertaining to elections including the times,
- 4 places, and manner for carrying out elections in Missouri
- 5 received on or after the effective date of this section, by
- 6 a person, group, or entity charged by the state to
- 7 administer any official election occurring within Missouri.
- 8 This includes, but is not limited to, any guidance issued by
- 9 the United States Department of Justice or any other federal
- 10 executive agency related to new or existing voting or
- 11 election laws.
- 12 2. Any person, group, or entity charged by the state
- 13 of Missouri to administer any official election occurring
- 14 within the state who intends to implement any new federal
- 15 election guidance pending approval from the general assembly
- 16 pursuant to this section, shall provide notice to the
- 17 general assembly of its intent to do so at least thirty days
- 18 before implementing the guidance.

- 3. All new federal election guidance shall be approved by concurrent resolution approved by a majority of each
- 21 house of the general assembly before it is implemented by
- 22 any person, group, or entity charged by the state to
- 23 administer any official election occurring within the state.
- 4. It shall be presumed for purposes of compliance
- 25 with this section that the general assembly has approved the
- 26 implementation of the new federal election guidance if the
- 27 general assembly fails to vote on a concurrent resolution
- 28 described in subsection 3 of this section within thirty days
- 29 from when notice is provided to the general assembly
- 30 pursuant to subsection 2 of this section.
- 31 5. A violation of this section shall result in a fine
- 32 in the amount of five thousand dollars to be levied every
- 33 thirty days until the implemented guidance is formally
- 34 withdrawn.
 - 115.1510. 1. As used in this section, the term "new
- 2 federal election funds" shall mean any federal funds
- 3 received on or after the effective date of this section, by
- 4 a person, group, or entity charged by the state of Missouri
- 5 to administer any official election occurring within the
- 6 state.
- 7 2. Any person, group, or entity charged by the state
- 8 to administer any official election occurring within
- 9 Missouri who intends to accept or disperse federal election
- 10 funds pending approval from the general assembly pursuant to
- 11 this section, shall provide notice to the general assembly
- 12 of its intent to do so at least thirty days before accepting
- 13 the funds. If funds have already been accepted, then notice
- 14 shall be provided to the general assembly thirty days before
- 15 the funds are dispersed.

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- 3. All new federal election funds shall be approved by concurrent resolution approved by a majority of each house of the general assembly before they may be accepted or dispersed by a person, group, or entity charged by the state to administer any official election occurring within the state.
 - 4. It shall be presumed for purposes of compliance with this section that the general assembly has approved the acceptance and dispersal of new federal election funds if the general assembly fails to vote on a concurrent resolution described in subsection 3 of this section within thirty days from when notice is provided to the general assembly in accordance with subsection 2 of this section.
 - 5. A violation of this section shall result in a fine in the amount of the new federal election funds accepted or dispersed in violation of this section plus an additional one thousand dollars.
 - [115.074. 1. Subject to appropriation from federal funds, the secretary of state shall administer a grant, loan, or other aid program for the purposes of providing funds to election authorities to upgrade or improve the voting process or equipment. Such funding may be in the form of matching grants. The secretary of state when awarding grants shall give priority to jurisdictions which have the highest number of residents according to the most recent federal census, with an income below the federal poverty level as established by the federal department of health and human services or its successor agency. The secretary of state may promulgate rules to effectuate the provisions of this section. 2. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is

created under the authority delegated in this

section shall become effective only if it

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31 32 complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2002, shall be invalid and void.]

[115.078. 1. There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Election Administration Improvements Fund", which shall consist of appropriations from the general assembly, any gifts, contributions, grants, or beguests received from federal, private, or other sources for the purpose of improving the administration of elections within Missouri, including making payments of election costs as required under sections 115.065 and 115.077. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund and shall make disbursements from the fund in accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180. Money in the fund shall be used exclusively for election administration improvements as directed by the secretary of state, and to meet the state's obligations under sections 115.065 and 115.077. No moneys obtained through the provisions of this section shall be made a part of the general operating budget of an election authority, or used to supplant other federal, state, or local funds expended for elections. The secretary of state may transfer moneys from the fund to the election improvements revolving loan fund as the secretary deems necessary to facilitate compliance with the Help America Vote Act of 2002. Notwithstanding section 33.080 to the contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of any biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general revenue fund. All yield, interest, income, increment, or gain received from time deposit of moneys in the

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> state treasury to the credit of the fund shall be credited to the fund. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no amount of moneys in the fund shall be transferred from the fund or charged for purposes of the administration of central services for the state of Missouri.

> 2. There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Election Improvements Revolving Loan Fund", which shall consist of all moneys appropriated to it by the general assembly, all repayment of moneys from eligible lenders and any moneys deposited or transferred to the fund for the purpose of improving the administration of elections through loans. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund and shall make disbursements from the fund in accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180. Money in the fund shall be used solely for improving the administration of elections through loans. Notwithstanding section 33.080 to the contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund shall not revert to the credit of the general revenue fund. All yield, interest, income, increment, or gain received from time deposit of moneys in the state treasury to the credit of the fund shall be credited to the fund. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no amount of moneys in the fund shall be transferred from the fund or charged for purposes of the administration of central services for the state of Missouri. The secretary of state is authorized to administer the fund in accordance with this section and the Help America Vote Act of 2002, and to promulgate rules to execute this section. No rule or portion of a rule promulgated pursuant to the authority of this section shall become effective unless it has been promulgated pursuant to chapter 536.]

Section B. Section A of this act shall become

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