

SENATE BILL NO. 344

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR WASHINGTON.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapter 167, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to student attendance at scheduled elections.

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

Section A. Chapter 167, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto
2 one new section, to be known as section 167.1001, to read as
3 follows:

167.1001. 1. For purposes of this section, the
2 following terms mean:

3 (1) "Election", any primary, general, or special
4 election held to nominate or elect an individual to public
5 office, to retain or recall an elected officeholder, or to
6 submit a ballot measure to the voters;

7 (2) "Parent", a student's parent, legal guardian, or
8 person standing in loco parentis to the student;

9 (3) "School", any school that is funded in whole or in
10 part by state funds, including, but not limited to, a public
11 school or charter school.

12 2. A student shall not be considered absent from the
13 school in which the student is enrolled for the time during
14 which the student accompanies his or her parent when the
15 parent is exercising his or her right to vote in a scheduled
16 election.

17 3. A student may receive an excused absence pursuant
18 to subsection 2 of this section only one time during each
19 scheduled election.

20 4. A student who accompanies his or her parent when
21 the parent is exercising his or her right to vote in a
22 scheduled election shall be encouraged by school officials
23 to demonstrate his or her attendance at the scheduled
24 election by wearing an official sticker, badge, or other
25 item upon his or her return to school indicating that he or
26 she attended the scheduled election.

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