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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal sections 115.123 and 115.755, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to the presidential primary date.

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

Section A. Sections 115.123 and 115.755, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 115.123 and 115.755, to read as follows:

115.123. 1. All public elections shall be held on Tuesday. Except as provided in
2 subsections 2, 3, and 4 of this section, and section 247.180, all public elections shall be held on
3 the general election day, the primary election day, the general municipal election day, the first
4 Tuesday after the first Monday in February or November, or on another day expressly provided
5 by city or county charter, the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June and in nonprimary years
6 on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in August.

7 2. [Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1 of this section, an election for a
8 presidential primary held pursuant to sections 115.755 to 115.785 shall be held on the first
9 Tuesday after the first Monday in March of each presidential election year.

10 3.] The following elections shall be exempt from the provisions of subsection 1 of this
11 section:

- 12 (1) Bond elections necessitated by fire, vandalism or natural disaster;
13 (2) Elections for which ownership of real property is required by law for voting; and
14 (3) Special elections to fill vacancies and to decide tie votes or election contests.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

15 [4.] 3. No city or county shall adopt a charter or charter amendment which calls for
16 elections to be held on dates other than those established in subsection 1 of this section.

17 [5.] 4. Nothing in this section prohibits a charter city or county from having its primary
18 election in March if the charter provided for a March primary before August 28, 1999.

19 [6.] 5. Nothing in this section shall prohibit elections held pursuant to section 65.600,
20 but no other issues shall be on the March ballot except pursuant to this chapter.

115.755. A statewide presidential preference primary shall be held on the first Tuesday
2 after the first Monday in [February] **April, the general municipal election day as established**
3 **in subsection 3 of section 115.121**, of each presidential election year.

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