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# HOUSE BILL NO. 280

## 93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES WALSH (Sponsor), JOHNSON (61), LOWE (44), MEINERS, YOUNG, SPRENG, JOLLY, VOGT, SALVA, GEORGE, PAGE, HARRIS (110), KRATKY, HUGHES, MOORE, MEADOWS, CORCORAN, WHORTON, BOYKINS, HUBBARD, CHAPPELLE-NADAL, HOSKINS, ZWEIFEL, WILDBERGER, SANDER, DARROUGH, LOW (39) AND SATER (Co-sponsors).

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### AN ACT

To repeal section 115.436, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to physically disabled voters.

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

Section A. Section 115.436, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 115.436, to read as follows:

115.436. 1. In jurisdictions using paper ballots and electronic voting systems, when any physically disabled voter within two hundred feet of a polling place is unable to enter the polling place, two election judges, one of each major political party, shall[, when time permits,] take a ballot, equipment and materials necessary for voting to the voter. The voter shall mark the ballot, and the election judges shall place the ballot in an envelope, seal it and place it in the ballot box.

2. In jurisdictions using voting machines, when any physically disabled voter within two hundred feet of a polling place is unable to enter the polling place, two election judges, one of each major political party, shall[, when time permits,] take an absentee ballot to the voter. The voter shall mark the ballot, and the election judges shall place the ballot in an envelope, seal it and place it in the ballot box.

3. Upon request to the election authority, the election authority in any jurisdiction shall designate a polling place accessible to any physically disabled voter other than the polling place

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.

14 to which that voter would normally be assigned to vote, provided that the candidates and issues  
15 voted on are consistent for both the designated location and the voting location for the voter's  
16 precinct. Upon request, the election authority may also assign members of the physically  
17 disabled voter's household and such voter's caregiver to the same voting location as the  
18 physically disabled voter. In no event shall a voter be assigned under this section to a designated  
19 location apart from the established voting location for the voter's precinct if the voter objects to  
20 the assignment to another location.