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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 115.135 and 115.912, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to military and overseas voter registration.

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

Section A. Sections 115.135 and 115.912, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 115.135 and 115.912, to read as follows:

115.135. 1. Any person who is qualified to vote, or who shall become qualified to vote
2 on or before the day of election, shall be entitled to register in the jurisdiction within which he
3 or she resides. In order to vote in any election for which registration is required, a person must
4 be registered to vote in the jurisdiction of his or her residence no later than 5:00 p.m., or the
5 normal closing time of any public building where the registration is being held if such time is
6 later than 5:00 p.m., on the fourth Wednesday prior to the election, unless the voter is an
7 interstate former resident, an intrastate new resident [or] , a new resident, **or a person in federal**
8 **service**, as defined in section 115.275, **or a covered voter, as defined in section 115.902.**
9 **Except as provided in subsection 4 of this section**, in no case shall registration for an election
10 extend beyond 10:00 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday prior to the election. Any person registering
11 after such date shall be eligible to vote in subsequent elections.

12 2. A person applying to register with an election authority or a deputy registration official
13 shall identify himself or herself by presenting a copy of a birth certificate, a Native American
14 tribal document, other proof of United States citizenship, a valid Missouri drivers license or other
15 form of personal identification at the time of registration.

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.

16 3. Except as provided in federal law or federal elections and in section 115.277, no
17 person shall be entitled to vote if the person has not registered to vote in the jurisdiction of his
18 or her residence prior to the deadline to register to vote.

19 **4. A person in federal service as defined in section 115.275, or covered voter as**
20 **defined in section 115.902, who has been discharged from military service, has returned**
21 **from a military deployment or activation, or has separated from employment outside the**
22 **territorial limits of the United States after the deadline to register to vote, and who is**
23 **otherwise qualified to register to vote, may register to vote in an election in person before**
24 **the election authority until 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before such election. Such persons shall**
25 **produce sufficient documentation showing evidence of qualifying for late registration**
26 **pursuant to this section.**

 115.912. An application for a military-overseas ballot is timely if received by 5:00 p.m.
2 on the [Wednesday] **Friday** prior to the election. An application for a military-overseas ballot
3 for a primary election, whether or not timely, shall be effective as an application for a
4 military-overseas ballot for the general election.

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