

House \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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1 AMEND House Committee Bill No. 23, Page 37, Section 137.556, Line 16, by inserting after all of  
2 said section and line, the following:

3 "238.216. 1. Except as otherwise provided in section 238.220 with respect to the election of  
4 directors, in order to call any election required or allowed under sections 238.200 to 238.275, the  
5 circuit court shall:

6 (1) Order the county clerk to cause the questions to appear on the ballot on the next  
7 regularly scheduled general, primary or special election day, which date shall be the same in each  
8 county or portion of a county included within and voting upon the proposed district;

9 (2) If the election is to be a mail-in election, specify a date on which ballots for the election  
10 shall be mailed, which date shall be a Tuesday, and shall be not earlier than the eighth Tuesday from  
11 the issuance of the order, and shall not be on the same day as an election conducted under the  
12 provisions of chapter 115; or

13 (3) If all the owners of property in the district joined in the petition for formation of the  
14 district, such owners may cast their ballot by unanimous verified petition approving any measure  
15 submitted to them as voters pursuant to this chapter. Each owner shall receive one vote per acre  
16 owned. Fractional votes shall be allowed. The verified petition shall be filed with the circuit court  
17 clerk. The filing of a unanimous petition shall constitute an election under sections 238.200 to  
18 238.275 and the results of said election shall be entered pursuant to subsection 6 of this section.

19 2. In the case of an election by mail-in ballot where the qualified voters are the real property  
20 owners under subsection 2 of section 238.220, application for a ballot shall be [conducted as  
21 follows] required, and such application process shall be:

22 (1) Only qualified voters shall be entitled to apply for a ballot;

23 (2) Such persons shall apply with the clerk of the circuit court in which the petition was  
24 filed;

25 (3) Each person applying shall provide:

26 (a) Such person's name, address, mailing address, and phone number; and

27 (b) An authorized signature; and

28 (c) Evidence that such person is entitled to vote. Such evidence for owners of real property  
29 shall be[:

30 ——— a. ~~For resident individuals, proof of registration from the election authority;~~

31 ——— b. ~~For owners of real property,] a tax receipt or deed or other document which evidences~~

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1 ownership, and identifies the real property by location;

2 (4) No person shall apply later than the fourth Tuesday before the date for mailing ballots  
3 specified in the circuit court's order.

4 3. ~~[If the election is to be a mail-in election]~~ In the case of an election by mail-in ballot  
5 where the qualified voters are registered voters, the qualified voters shall not have to apply for  
6 ballots, but shall be issued a ballot as follows:

7 (1) Only qualified voters, who are registered on the forty-fifth day prior to the date set by  
8 the circuit court for the mailing of ballots, shall be entitled to be mailed a ballot; and

9 (2) The election authority shall provide the circuit court with the names and addresses of all  
10 registered voters within the proposed transportation development district according to the records of  
11 the election authority on the forty-fifth day prior to the date set by the circuit court for the mailing  
12 of ballots.

13 4. In the case of an election by mail-in ballot where the qualified voters are the real property  
14 owners under subsection 2 of section 238.220, the circuit court shall mail a ballot to each qualified  
15 voter who applied for a ballot pursuant to subsection 2 of this section along with a return addressed  
16 envelope directed to the circuit court clerk's office with a sworn affidavit on the reverse side of such  
17 envelope for the voter's signature. Such affidavit shall be in the following form:

18 I hereby declare under penalties of perjury that I am qualified to vote, or to affix my  
19 authorized signature in the name of an entity which is entitled to vote, in this election.

20 Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_

21 \_\_\_\_\_  
22 Authorized Signature

23 \_\_\_\_\_  
24 \_\_\_\_\_

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26 Printed Name of Voter      Signature of notary or other officer authorized to administer oaths.

27 \_\_\_\_\_  
28 Mailing Address of Voter (if different)

29 5. In the case of an election by mail-in ballot where the qualified voters are registered  
30 voters, the circuit court shall mail a ballot to each qualified voter whose name was provided by the  
31 election authority under subsection 3 of this section along with a return envelope addressed to the  
32 circuit court clerk's office.

33 6. The return identification envelope shall contain an affidavit that is substantially the  
34 following form:

35 PLEASE PRINT:

36 NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

37 I declare under penalty of perjury, a felony, that I am a  
38 qualified voter for this election as shown on voter registration records and that I have voted the  
39 enclosed ballot and am returning it in compliance with section 238.216, RSMo, and have not and  
40 will not vote more than one ballot in this election.

41 I also understand that failure to complete the information below will invalidate my ballot.

1 \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 Signature

3 \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 Residence Address

5 \_\_\_\_\_  
 6 Mailing Address (if different)

7 7. Upon receipt of the ballot, the voter shall mark it, place and seal the marked ballot in the  
 8 secrecy envelope supplied with the ballot, place and seal the secrecy envelope containing the  
 9 marked ballot in the return identification envelope supplied with the ballot that has been signed by  
 10 the voter, and return the marked ballot to the circuit court, no later than the date required under  
 11 subsection 11 of this section, by United States mail or by personally delivering the ballot to the  
 12 circuit court.

13 8. The circuit court may provide additional sites for return delivery of ballots. The circuit  
 14 court may also provide for the prepayment of postage on the return ballots.

15 9. Any costs incurred by the circuit court in the administration of an election under this  
 16 section shall be paid by the petitioners.

17 [4-] 10. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 of section 238.220, with respect to the  
 18 election of directors, each qualified voter shall have one vote, unless the qualified voters are  
 19 property owners under subdivision (2) of subsection 2 of section 238.202, in which case they shall  
 20 receive one vote per acre. Each voter which is not an individual shall determine how to cast its vote  
 21 as provided for in its articles of incorporation, articles of organization, articles of partnership,  
 22 bylaws, or other document which sets forth an appropriate mechanism for the determination of the  
 23 entity's vote. If a voter has no such mechanism, then its vote shall be cast as determined by a  
 24 majority of the persons who run the day-to-day affairs of the voter. Each voted ballot shall be  
 25 signed with the authorized signature.

26 [5-] 11. Mail-in voted ballots shall be returned to the circuit court clerk's office by mail or  
 27 hand delivery no later than 5:00 p.m. on the sixth Tuesday after the date for mailing the ballots as  
 28 set forth in the circuit court's order. The circuit court's clerk shall transmit all voted ballots to a  
 29 team of judges of not less than four, with an equal number from each of the two major political  
 30 parties. The judges shall be selected by the circuit court from lists compiled by the election  
 31 authority. Upon receipt of the voted ballots, the judges shall verify the authenticity of the ballots,  
 32 canvass the votes, and certify the results. Certification by the election judges shall be final and shall  
 33 be immediately transmitted to the circuit court. Any qualified voter who voted in such election may  
 34 contest the result in the same manner as provided in chapter 115.

35 [6-] 12. The results of the election shall be entered upon the records of the circuit court of  
 36 the county in which the petition was filed. Also, a certified copy thereof shall be filed with the  
 37 county clerk of each county in which a portion of the proposed district lies, who shall cause the  
 38 same to be spread upon the records of the county commission."; and

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 40 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references  
 41 accordingly.