

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

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1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 738, Page 5, Section 115.051, Line 11, by
2 inserting after all of said section and line the following:

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4 "115.081. 1. Each election authority shall appoint election judges for each polling place
5 within its jurisdiction in accordance with the provisions of this section.

6 2. In all primary and general elections, the election authority shall appoint at least two
7 judges from each major political party to serve at each polling place. The committee of each major
8 political party within the jurisdiction of an election authority is authorized to provide the election
9 authority with a list of election judge candidates who meet the requirements under section 115.085.
10 The candidates shall not be required to reside within the jurisdiction of the election authority, as
11 authorized under section 115.085. If a committee of a major political party within the jurisdiction of
12 an election authority fails to provide the prescribed number of qualified names to fill all election
13 judge positions before the date established by the election authority, the election authority may
14 select judges to fill the positions as provided by law. If the election authority determines that a
15 name submitted by a committee of a major political party is not qualified to serve as an election
16 judge, the election authority shall allow the party to submit another name before filling the position
17 as provided by law. No major political party shall have a majority of the judges at any polling place.
18 No established party shall have a greater number of judges at any polling place than any major
19 political party.

20 3. In any election that is not a primary or general election, the election authority shall
21 appoint at least one judge from each major political party to serve at each polling place. No major
22 political party shall have a majority of the judges at any polling place. No established party shall
23 have a greater number of judges at any polling place than any major political party.

24 4. The election authority shall designate two of the judges appointed for each polling place,
25 one from each major political party, as supervisory judges. Supervisory judges shall be responsible
26 for the return of election supplies from the polling place to the election authority and shall have any
27 additional duties prescribed by the election authority.

28 5. Election judges may be employed to serve for the first half or last half of any election
29 day. Such judges shall be paid one-half the regular rate of pay. If part-time judges are employed,
30 the election authority shall employ such judges and shall see that a sufficient number for each period
31 are present at all times so as to have the proper total number of judges present at each polling place

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1 throughout each election day. The election authority shall require that at each polling place at least
 2 one election judge from each political party serve a full day and that at all times during the day there
 3 be an equal number of election judges from each political party.

4 6. An election authority may appoint additional election judges representing other
 5 established political parties and additional election judges who do not claim a political affiliation.
 6 Any question which requires a decision by the majority of judges shall only be made by the judges
 7 from the major political parties."; and

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 9 Further amend said bill and page, Section 115.085, by removing all of said section from the bill and
 10 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

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 12 "115.085. No person shall be appointed to serve as an election judge who is not a registered
 13 voter in this state[; ~~provided that, before any election authority may appoint judges who are~~
 14 ~~registered voters of another election authority's jurisdiction, the election authority shall obtain the~~
 15 ~~written consent of the election authority for the jurisdiction where the prospective judges are~~
 16 ~~registered to vote]. Each election judge shall be a person of good repute and character who can~~
 17 speak, read, and write the English language. No person shall serve as an election judge at any
 18 polling place in which his or her name or the name of a relative within the second degree, by
 19 consanguinity or affinity, appears on the ballot. However, no relative of any unopposed candidate
 20 shall be disqualified from serving as an election judge in any election jurisdiction of the state. No
 21 election judge shall, during his or her term of office, hold any other elective public office, other than
 22 as a member of a political party committee or township office, except any person who is elected to a
 23 board or commission of a political subdivision or special district may serve as an election judge
 24 except at a polling place where such political subdivision or special district has an issue or candidate
 25 on the ballot. In any county having a population of less than two hundred fifty thousand inhabitants,
 26 any candidate for the county committee of a political party who is not a candidate for any other
 27 office and who is unopposed for election as a member of the committee shall not be disqualified
 28 from serving as an election judge."; and

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 30 Further amend said bill, Page 6, Section 115.107, Line 3, by inserting immediately after the phrase
 31 "counted." on said line the following:

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 33 "The candidates shall not be required to reside within the jurisdiction of the election authority. If
 34 the election authority determines that a name submitted by a committee of a major political party is
 35 not qualified to serve as poll watcher, the election authority shall allow the party to submit another
 36 name."; and

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 38 Further amend said bill, Page 6, Section 115.107, Lines 14 to 16, by deleting all of said lines and
 39 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

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 41 "5. All persons selected as watchers shall have the same qualifications required by section

1 115.085 for election judges[, ~~except that such watcher shall be a registered voter in the jurisdiction~~
2 ~~of the election authority for which the watcher is designated as a watcher]."; and
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4 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
5 accordingly.~~