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HOUSE BILL NO. 1966

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE DIEHL.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 115, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to elections, with penalty provisions.

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

Section A. Chapter 115, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 115.276, to read as follows:

115.276. 1. Each local election authority shall establish one advance voting center in each state senatorial district in the state, or if a state senatorial district contains more than one county, in each county located in such senatorial district. Any registered voter of this state may vote by advance ballot in person in any election in which presidential and vice presidential electors or the offices of United States senator, governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state auditor, state treasurer, or attorney general are on the ballot at an advance voting center in the county or the senatorial district in which the voter is registered during the advance voting period established in this section.

2. The advance voting period shall begin on the second Wednesday immediately preceding an election and end on the Wednesday immediately preceding an election. All local election authorities shall conduct advance voting at each advance voting center established by the local election authority between seven o'clock in the morning and six o'clock in the evening on each weekday during the advance voting period. Advance voting shall also be conducted from eight o'clock in the morning until noon on the Saturday occurring during the advance voting period.

3. The secretary of state and each local election authority shall provide adequate public notice of the advance voting centers and periods, including but not limited to,

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.

18 **posting such information at each local election authority's office and on the website of each**
19 **local election authority that maintains a web site, and by such other methods as the**
20 **secretary of state and the local election authority may select. The secretary of state and the**
21 **local election authority shall provide adequate public notice of any change of location,**
22 **including but not limited to, posting such information at each local election authority's**
23 **office, at the original advance voting center, and on the website of each local election**
24 **authority that maintains a website, and by such other methods as the secretary of state and**
25 **each local election authority may select.**

26 **4. Each local election authority shall appoint at least one judge from each major**
27 **political party to serve at each advance voting center. No major political party shall have**
28 **a majority of the judges at any advance voting center. No established party shall have a**
29 **greater number of judges at any advance voting center than any major political party. All**
30 **provisions relating to polling places established by state law shall apply to any advance**
31 **voting center established under this section, and all procedures for casting and counting**
32 **ballots established by state law shall apply to casting advance ballots in person and**
33 **counting advance ballots under this section.**

34 **5. No person who has voted an advance ballot in the election shall vote at the polls**
35 **on election day. If it is determined that any voter submitted an advance ballot and voted**
36 **at the polls on election day, such person, having voted more than once, is guilty of a class**
37 **one election offense as provided in section 115.631.**

38 **6. All costs associated with the implementation of advance voting under this section**
39 **shall be reimbursed from the general revenue of this state by an appropriation for that**
40 **purpose.**

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