

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 180

## 96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES NASHEED (Sponsor), CURLS, WALTON GRAY, PACE,  
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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To repeal sections 115.043 and 115.155, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to voter registration information.

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

Section A. Sections 115.043 and 115.155, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections  
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 115.043 and 115.155, to read as follows:

115.043. Each election authority may make all rules and regulations, not inconsistent  
2 with statutory provisions, necessary for the registration of voters and the conduct of elections.  
3 **Such rules and regulations may include a procedure by which an election authority may**  
4 **provide each registered voter residing within the election authority's jurisdiction the option**  
5 **of providing the voter's email address to the election authority to use for providing**  
6 **information to voters in conjunction with the conduct of elections. Providing information**  
7 **to a voter's email address by an election authority shall not be construed to fulfill the**  
8 **election authority's responsibility to provide notice or other election communications to**  
9 **any voter as required by state law.**

115.155. 1. The election authority shall provide for the registration of each voter. Each  
2 application shall be in substantially the following form: APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION  
3 Are you a citizen of the United States?

4 G YES G NO

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6 Will you be 18 years of age on or before election day?

7 G YES G NO

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.

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9 IF YOU CHECKED "NO" IN RESPONSE TO EITHER OF THESE QUESTIONS, DO  
10 NOT COMPLETE THIS FORM.

11 IF YOU ARE SUBMITTING THIS FORM BY MAIL AND ARE REGISTERING FOR  
12 THE FIRST TIME, PLEASE SUBMIT A COPY OF A CURRENT, VALID PHOTO  
13 IDENTIFICATION. IF YOU DO NOT SUBMIT SUCH INFORMATION, YOU WILL BE  
14 REQUIRED TO PRESENT ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATION UPON VOTING FOR THE  
15 FIRST TIME SUCH AS A BIRTH CERTIFICATE, A NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBAL  
16 DOCUMENT, OTHER PROOF OF UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP, A VALID MISSOURI  
17 DRIVERS LICENSE OR OTHER FORM OF PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION.

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Township (or Ward)

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21 Name Precinct

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23 Home Address

Required Personal  
Identification Information

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26 City ZIP

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28 Date of Birth

Place of Birth (Optional)

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30 Telephone Number  
31 (Optional)

Mother's Maiden Name  
(Optional)

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33 Occupation (Optional)

Last Place Previously  
Registered

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36 Last four digits of  
37 Social Security Number

Under What Name

38 (Required for registration  
39 unless no Social Security

40 number exists for Applicant)

41 Remarks:

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44 I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the state of Missouri. I have not been  
 45 adjudged incapacitated by any court of law. If I have been convicted of a felony or of a  
 46 misdemeanor connected with the right of suffrage, I have had the voting disabilities resulting  
 47 from such conviction removed pursuant to law. I do solemnly swear that all statements made  
 48 on this card are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I UNDERSTAND THAT IF I  
 49 REGISTER TO VOTE KNOWING THAT I AM NOT LEGALLY ENTITLED TO REGISTER,  
 50 I AM COMMITTING A CLASS ONE ELECTION OFFENSE AND MAY BE PUNISHED BY  
 51 IMPRISONMENT OF NOT MORE THAN FIVE YEARS OR BY A FINE OF BETWEEN  
 52 TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS OR BY  
 53 BOTH SUCH IMPRISONMENT AND FINE.

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55 Signature of Voter Date

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57 Signature of Election Official

58 2. After supplying all information necessary for the registration records, each applicant  
 59 who appears in person before the election authority shall swear or affirm the statements on the  
 60 registration application by signing his or her full name, witnessed by the signature of the election  
 61 authority or such authority's deputy registration official. Each applicant who applies to register  
 62 by mail pursuant to section 115.159, or pursuant to section 115.160 or 115.162, shall attest to  
 63 the statements on the application by his or her signature.

64 3. Upon receipt by mail of a completed and signed voter registration application, a voter  
 65 registration application forwarded by the division of motor vehicle and drivers licensing of the  
 66 department of revenue pursuant to section 115.160, or a voter registration agency pursuant to  
 67 section 115.162, the election authority shall, if satisfied that the applicant is entitled to register,  
 68 transfer all data necessary for the registration records from the application to its registration  
 69 system. Within seven business days after receiving the application, the election authority shall  
 70 send the applicant a verification notice. If such notice is returned as undeliverable by the postal  
 71 service within the time established by the election authority, the election authority shall not place  
 72 the applicant's name on the voter registration file.

73 4. If, upon receipt by mail of a voter registration application or a voter registration  
 74 application forwarded pursuant to section 115.160 or 115.162, the election authority determines  
 75 that the applicant is not entitled to register, such authority shall, within seven business days after  
 76 receiving the application, so notify the applicant by mail and state the reason such authority has  
 77 determined the applicant is not qualified. The applicant may have such determination reviewed  
 78 pursuant to the provisions of section 115.223. If an applicant for voter registration fails to  
 79 answer the question on the application concerning United States citizenship, the election

80 authority shall notify the applicant of the failure and provide the applicant with an opportunity  
81 to complete the form in a timely manner to allow for the completion of the registration form  
82 before the next election.

83           5. It shall be the responsibility of the secretary of state to prescribe specifications for  
84 voter registration documents so that they are uniform throughout the state of Missouri and  
85 comply with the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, including the reporting requirements,  
86 and so that registrations, name changes and transfers of registrations within the state may take  
87 place as allowed by law.

88           6. All voter registration applications shall be preserved in the office of the election  
89 authority.

90           **7. Each election authority may provide each applicant for voter registration with**  
91 **the option of providing the applicant's email address with the applicant's voter registration**  
92 **form.**