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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES ZIMMERMAN (Sponsor), CARLSON, FALLERT, McMANUS,
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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 115, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to ballots.

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
2 known as section 115.428, to read as follows:

**115.428. 1. For each election in which a state or federal office or measure is on the
2 ballot, each individual who is eligible to cast a vote in the election shall be offered the
3 opportunity to cast their vote using a paper ballot card. It shall be the responsibility of
4 each election authority to provide a sufficient number of paper ballot cards to comply with
5 this section.**

**6 2. Any paper ballot card which is cast by an individual under this section shall be
7 counted and otherwise treated as a regular ballot for all purposes, unless the individual
8 casting the ballot would have otherwise been required to cast a provisional ballot.**

**9 3. The election authority at each location where ballots are cast shall post in a
10 conspicuous place a notice stating that paper ballot cards are available at that location and
11 that a voter may request to use such a ballot. Such notice shall be printed by the secretary
12 of state as part of the voting instructions required by section 115.417 and provided to the
13 local election authorities.**

**14 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 115.063, the direct cost incurred by an
15 election authority for the actual physical printing of a sufficient number of paper ballot
16 cards to comply with this section and section 115.247 for all elections in which a state or**

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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17 **federal office or measure is on the ballot shall be paid by the state in the manner provided**
18 **for in section 115.077.**

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