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HOUSE BILL NO. 593

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE GATSCHENBERGER.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 115.285, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to mailing envelopes for absentee ballots.

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

Section A. Section 115.285, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 115.285, to read as follows:

115.285. The secretary of state may prescribe uniform regulations with respect to the printing of ballot envelopes and mailing envelopes, which shall comply with standards established by federal law or postal regulations. Mailing envelopes for use in returning ballots shall [be printed with business reply permits so that any ballot returned by mail does not require] **indicate that the voter shall affix the proper postage before returning the ballot by mail.** [All fees and costs for establishing and maintaining the business reply and postage-free mail for all ballots cast shall be paid by the secretary of state through state appropriations.]

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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.