

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 2300

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE BROWN (94).

5980H.011

D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 115.300, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the preparation of absentee ballots.

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

Section A. Section 115.300, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 115.300, to read as follows:

- 115.300. **1. Except as provided in subsection 2 of this section**, in each jurisdiction, the election authority may start, not earlier than the fifth day prior to the election, the preparation of absentee ballots for tabulation on the election day. The election authority shall give notice to the county chairman of each major political party forty-eight hours prior to beginning preparation of absentee ballot envelopes. Absentee ballot preparation shall be completed by teams of election authority employees or teams of election judges, with each team consisting of one member from each major political party.
- 2. In any county with more than nine hundred thousand inhabitants, the election authority may start, not earlier than the fourteenth day prior to the general election, the preparation of absentee ballots for tabulation on the election day.**

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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.