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HOUSE BILL NO. 316

93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES HOSKINS (Sponsor), HUBBARD,
BLAND AND SANDERS BROOKS (Co-sponsors).

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AN ACT

To repeal section 115.277, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to absentee voting.

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

Section A. Section 115.277, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 115.277, to read as follows:

115.277. [1. Except as provided in subsections 3, 4 and 5 of this section,] Any registered voter of this state may vote by absentee ballot for all candidates and issues for which such voter would be eligible to vote [at the polling place if such voter expects to be prevented from going to the polls to vote on election day due to:

(1) Absence on election day from the jurisdiction of the election authority in which such voter is registered to vote;

(2) Incapacity or confinement due to illness or physical disability, including a person who is primarily responsible for the physical care of a person who is incapacitated or confined due to illness or disability;

(3) Religious belief or practice;

(4) Employment as an election authority, as a member of an election authority, or by an election authority at a location other than such voter's polling place;

(5) Incarceration, provided all qualifications for voting are retained.

2. Any person in federal service, as defined in section 115.275, who is eligible to register and vote in this state but is not registered may vote only in the election of presidential and vice

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.

16 presidential electors, United States senator and representative in Congress even though the
17 person is not registered. Each person in federal service may vote by absentee ballot or, upon
18 submitting an affidavit that the person is qualified to vote in the election, may vote at the person's
19 polling place.

20 3. Any interstate former resident, as defined in section 115.275, may vote by absentee
21 ballot for presidential and vice presidential electors.

22 4. Any intrastate new resident, as defined in section 115.275, may vote by absentee ballot
23 at the election for presidential and vice presidential electors, United States senator, representative
24 in Congress, statewide elected officials and statewide questions, propositions and amendments
25 from such resident's new jurisdiction of residence after registering to vote in such resident's new
26 jurisdiction of residence.

27 5. Any new resident, as defined in section 115.275, may vote by absentee ballot for
28 presidential and vice presidential electors after registering to vote in such resident's new
29 jurisdiction of residence].