HOUSE BILL NO. 1982

93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES DAVIS (Sponsor), FAITH, SMITH (14), SCHNEIDER, JOHNSON (47), PARKER, RUPP, BEARDEN AND THRELKELD (Co-sponsors).

AN ACT

To repeal section 115.247, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to election authorities, with an emergency clause.

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

Section A. Section 115.247, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu
2 thereof, to be known as section 115.247, to read as follows:

115.247. 1. Each election authority shall provide all ballots for every election within its
2 jurisdiction. Ballots other than those printed by the election authority in accordance with
3 sections 115.001 to 115.641 and sections 51.450 and 51.460, RSMo, shall not be cast or counted
4 at any election.
5 2. Whenever it appears that an error has occurred in any publication required by sections
6 115.001 to 115.641 and sections 51.450 and 51.460, RSMo, or in the printing of any ballot, any
7 circuit court may, upon the application of any voter, order the appropriate election authorities to
8 correct the error or to show cause why the error should not be corrected.
9 3. For each election, the election authority **[**shall**]** **may** provide for each polling place in
10 its jurisdiction fifty-five ballots for each fifty and fraction of fifty voters registered in the voting
11 district at the time of the election. The election authority shall keep a record of the exact number
12 of ballots delivered to each polling place. For purposes of this subsection, the election authority
13 shall not be required to count registered voters designated as inactive pursuant to section
14 115.193.

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.

15   4. After the polls have closed on every election day, the election judges shall return all
16 unused ballots to the election authority with the other election supplies. All unused ballots
17 delivered to the election authority may be distributed by the election authority to schools in its
18 jurisdiction. Before distribution, all unused ballots shall be stamped "void" or otherwise altered
19 by the election authority.

20   5. All ballots cast in public elections shall be printed and distributed at public expense,
21 payable as provided in sections 115.061 to 115.077.

Section B. Because immediate action is necessary to alleviate undue financial burdens
2   on local election officials, section A of this act is deemed necessary for the immediate
3   preservation of the public health, welfare, peace, and safety, and is hereby declared to be an
4   emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and section A of this act shall be in full
5   force and effect upon its passage and approval.

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