

WRITE-IN POLICY

“Declaration of Intent”

Pursuant to Section 115.453(4) RSMo, write-in votes will be counted for candidates for election to offices who have filed a “Declaration of Intent” to be a write-in candidate with the proper election authority before 5:00 pm on the second Friday immediately preceding the election day. In the event there is an office in which there is no filed candidate, or the number of candidates is less than the number to be elected, on the ballot, it is not necessary to file a “Declaration of Intent” to be a write-in candidate.

Use of Stickers

Pursuant to section 115.439.5 RSMo, *“the election authority may authorize the use of a sticker or other item containing a write-in candidate’s name, in lieu of a handwritten name”*. **A write-in candidate who wishes to use stickers must contact the St. Louis County Board of Elections for an authorization.**

If a candidate uses stickers without authorization the statute further provides that *“a write-in vote that does not meet the requirements of this sub-section which appears on a ballot **shall not be counted...**”*.

See Missouri statutes and regulations for other requirements pertaining to the use of write-in stickers.