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Ordinance No. _____

Council Bill No. B 361-22

AN ORDINANCE

amending Chapter 19 of the City Code relating to election voting time provided to City employees; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 19 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, Missouri, is hereby amended as follows:

Material to be deleted in ~~strikeout~~; material to be added underlined.

Sec. 19-132. Voting time.

Any employee eligible and registered to vote in any election held within this state, ~~or any primary election held in preparation for such election,~~ shall, if on duty on the day of such election, be entitled to leave from duty ~~(if on duty)~~ which would allow three (3) hours of voting time between the time of opening and the time of closing the polls. Such leave shall be used solely for the purpose of the employee exercising the right to vote. This section shall not apply to a voter on the day of election if there are three (3) successive hours, while the polls are open, in which such employee ~~he/she~~ is not on duty. The duly authorized supervisor may specify any three (3) hours between the time of opening and closing of the polls during which an employee may be granted voting leave. Generally, such leave shall not exceed one (1) hour of paid on-duty time for each election day. Exceptions may be arranged with the approval of the department head. ~~Employees are required to show current, eligible voter registration cards to their supervisor prior to release for voting purposes; and no employee shall be granted time off with pay for voting who is not eligible to participate in a given election.~~

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2023.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Counselor