

HCS HB 1541 -- CERTAIN THIRD CLASS CITY PRIMARY ELECTIONS

SPONSOR: Deeken (Ruzicka)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Elections by a vote of 8 to 0.

This substitute allows certain third class cities organized under Sections 78.010 - 78.400, RSMo, to cancel, by order or ordinance, any primary election for the office of mayor and councilman that is currently held in February. Persons wishing to run for these offices must file a signed statement of candidacy with the city clerk in order to run in the next municipal election.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2011, FY 2012, and FY 2013.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will allow the cities of Monett and West Plains to save approximately \$7,000 per election by canceling their primary elections which are currently required to be held at the same time as presidential primaries.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Ruzicka.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.