

HCS HB 187 & 54 -- POLITICAL PARTY EMBLEMS ON BALLOTS

SPONSOR: Dugger (Conway, 27)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Elections by a vote of 9 to 0.

This substitute repeals the provision that requires a political party's emblem to be printed on an election ballot above the party caption.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2014.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bills will remove party emblems on ballots that take up space and confuse voters resulting in undervoting because party line voting has been abolished in this state.

Testifying for HB 187 were Representative Conway (27); and Missouri Association of County Clerks and Election Authorities.

Testifying for HB 54 were Representative Dugger; and Missouri Association of County Clerks and Election Authorities.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.