

SCS SB 773 -- PRIMARY ELECTION

SPONSOR: Parson (Diehl)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Elections by a vote of 7 to 2.

This substitute changes the filing period for the primary election that is to be held on August 7, 2012, from February 28, 2012, through March 27, 2012, to March 27, 2012, through April 24, 2012. The Secretary of State must publish the notice and the date by which candidates must file for the primary election on August 7, 2012.

The substitute contains an emergency clause.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Net Cost on General Revenue Fund of More than \$100,000 in FY 2012, \$0 in FY 2013, and \$0 in FY 2014. No impact on Other State Funds in FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2014.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will allow candidates time to consider their options because of the Missouri Supreme Court action in striking down the recently submitted Senate redistricting map. The change in filing dates will be an effective response to the delay in the approval of a map only if the senate redistricting commission authorized in Section 7, Article III of the Constitution of Missouri acts to file a final map within a short time frame.

Testifying for the bill was Senator Parson.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.