

## HB 189 -- Tie Vote Procedures in Primary Elections

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In the event that there is a tie vote between two candidates in a primary election for a county office, this bill allows each candidate to place his or her name on the general election ballot without a political party designation. If one of the eligible candidates declines, the remaining candidate will be declared to have won the primary election and may appear on the general election ballot as the candidate for the political party in which the primary was held.

No votes for a write-in candidate will be allowed in a general election under these circumstances unless only one candidate's name is on the ballot. The provisions of the bill will apply only in the case of an uncontested general election in which the candidates who tie in a primary election are the only candidates eligible to run for the county office in the general election because all other candidates have not met the filing requirements for the office.

If a general election is contested as a result of these provisions, any tie vote in a political party primary must be resolved under Section 115.515, RSMo, prior to the general election.