

HB 573 -- ELECTIONS

SPONSOR: Dugger

This bill allows the city council or the board of aldermen of any third or fourth class city whose voters have approved four-year terms for its council or board members to adopt a procedure for electing one-half of the council or board every other year. The staggered terms would begin after an initial transition period with varying terms for current members as specified in the bill.

The bill specifies that the provisions regarding political parties and the nomination of candidates in Sections 115.305 to 115.405, RSMo, must not apply to candidates for special district offices; township offices in a township organization county; or city, town, and village offices provided that cities of the fourth class with the exception of those in St. Louis County may choose, only by ordinance, to hold primary elections in accordance with the provisions of Sections 115.305 to 115.405 or Sections 78.470, 78.480, and 578.510. The ordinance must state which of the provisions are being adopted.