

HB 2111 -- UNCONTESTED ELECTION PROCEDURES

SPONSOR: Eggleston

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on State and Local Governments by a vote of 10 to 1. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on State and Local Governments by a vote of 9 to 1.

This bill expands the existing exception for small cities, towns, and villages under Section 115.124, RSMo, which allows candidates for election to assume office without holding an election if a particular election is uncontested and the number of candidates available equal the number of open positions, from cities, towns, or villages with 1,000 or less persons to those with 2,000 or less persons.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will have cost savings for approximately 110 small cities in Missouri and that data shows that the bill is extremely unlikely to have any impact on most elections.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Eggleston and Missouri Water Association.

OPPOSERS: Those who oppose the bill say that this does not promote voter participation.

Testifying against the bill was Missouri Press Association.