

HB 709 -- Nonpartisan Municipal Elections

Sponsor: Nichols

Currently, in a nonpartisan election in any political subdivision or special district with the exception of municipal elections, a candidate is allowed to take office without an election if the number of candidates is equal to the number of positions to be filled and proper notice has been published in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the district. This bill removes the exception for municipal elections.

Any write-in candidate for election to any office must file a declaration of intent with the election authority before 5:00 p.m. on the eleventh Tuesday before the election in order for a write-in vote to be counted.