

HB 952 -- Cancellation of Nonpartisan Elections

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Currently, in a nonpartisan election in any political subdivision or special district with the exception of municipal elections, candidates are 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 changes the exception to municipal elections in any city, town, or village with 3,000 or fewer inhabitants upon voter approval. If approved by voters, the nonpartisan elections will be conducted in this manner for all nonpartisan elections to be held for the remainder of the year and for 12 years following the adoption of the procedures. After the 12-year period, a proposal for reauthorization must be submitted to voters for approval.

Upon adoption of the nonpartisan election procedures if no election is held, the election authority must publish a notice containing the names of the candidates who will assume the responsibilities of the office. The notice must be published in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the political subdivision or district.