

SS HCS HB 1106 -- PUBLIC OFFICIALS

This bill changes the laws regarding certain public officials. In its main provisions, the bill:

(1) Allows, upon the approval of the county governing body, a county officer in a first, second, third, or fourth classification county or in Jefferson County to contract with the governing body of any municipality in the county to perform similar duties for the municipality. Currently, a county officer in any county except for first classification counties with a charter form of government may enter into this type of contract (Section 50.332, RSMo);

(2) Requires a county collector or collector-treasurer to reside in the county from which he or she is elected throughout his or her term of office (Sections 52.010.1 and 54.330.1);

(3) Requires, except in a county with a charter form of government, a candidate for county collector or collector-treasurer to be at least 21 years of age, a resident of the county for at least one year prior to the date of filing, and a registered voter and to be current in the payment of all state income taxes and personal and real property taxes (Sections 52.010.2 and 54.330.1);

(4) Allows the Jefferson County collector to enter into a contract with a city in the county for the collection of municipal taxes. Currently, only first classification counties not having a charter form of government are allowed to do this (Section 52.320);

(5) Exempts a county commission with a township form of government and an office of collector-treasurer from the requirement that it appoint a deputy treasurer or a qualified person to serve as an interim treasurer in the event of a vacancy (Section 54.033);

(6) Requires all county collector-treasurers to give a surety bond as other county collectors are required under the general revenue law. Currently, only a county collector-treasurer in a county having township organization has this requirement. The bill specifies that the county collector-treasurer must have the sole authority to appoint deputies as other county collectors are authorized under Section 52.300 (Section 54.330.2);

(7) Specifies that in the event of a vacancy in the office of collector-treasurer in a township organization county, the county clerk must follow the same procedures that apply when there is a vacancy in the office of collector in other counties (Section

54.330.4); and

(8) Requires any person who files as a candidate for election to a public office to sign an affidavit indicating that he or she is not aware of any information which would prohibit him or her from fulfilling any bonding requirements for the office for which he or she is filing (Section 115.342).