

HB 2368 -- COUNTY RECORDERS OF DEEDS

SPONSOR: McGaugh

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Elections and Elected Officials by a vote of 7 to 0.

This bill requires candidates for county recorder to provide the election authority a copy of an affidavit from a surety company authorized to do business in Missouri that indicates that the candidate is able to satisfy the statutory bond requirements. For a recorder elected prior to January 1, 2021, the bond cannot be less than \$1000, and for a recorder elected after December 31, 2020, the bond cannot be less than \$5000.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill is to ensure recorders are elected in an appropriate fashion, and change the fees to puts them in line with other local offices and better reflect actual costs. The bill lets a candidate know the requirements before they run for office.

Testifying for the bill were Representative McGaugh and Recorders Association of Missouri.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.