

HB 721 -- Election Requirements

Sponsor: Deeken

This bill changes the laws regarding election requirements. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Allows employees of election authorities to live outside the jurisdiction of the election authority;
- (2) Allows candidates for municipal offices to take office without an election if the number of candidates is equal to the number of available positions for the office;
- (3) Removes the requirement that party emblems be printed on ballots above the party caption and repeals all provisions regarding emblem selection and placement; and
- (4) Changes the filing deadline for write-in candidates so that election authorities must notify filing officers of write-in candidates by 5:00 p.m. on the sixth Friday before election day. Write-in candidates for state or federal office must file their intent to run with the Secretary of State by 5:00 p.m. on the sixth Friday before election day.