

HB 1127 -- SELECTION OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS

SPONSOR: Dugger

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

(1) Specifies that when there is a vacancy in the Office of Lieutenant Governor, the Governor must issue a writ of election within 30 days, and the election must be held at the next general election. The candidates for the position will be chosen during a primary election. During the vacancy, the duties of the Lieutenant Governor will be performed by his or her chief administrative assistant, except the Lieutenant Governor's duties as President of the Senate will be performed by the President Pro Tem of the Senate. In the case of an impeachment, the office will remain vacant until the impeachment is determined. If acquitted, the Lieutenant Governor must be reinstated in office;

(2) Prohibits the Governor from making an appointment to the St. Louis County Board of Election Commissioners during the legislative interim; and

(3) Repeals the current provisions regarding the areas from which the political party committee members in Jackson County are to be elected and requires them to be elected from state representative districts that are in any way contained in the county. Two men and two women must be elected from each committee district formed from a legislative district that is wholly contained in the county, two men and two women must be elected from each committee district formed from a legislative district that is predominantly contained in the county, and one man and one woman must be elected from each committee district formed from a legislative district that is partially but not predominantly contained in the county.