

HB 1136 -- ELECTIONS

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This bill changes laws regarding elections. In its main provisions the bill:

(1) Allows youth participants who assist election authorities to be compensated or remunerated for the time served or costs incurred while assisting with elections (Section 115.104, RSMo);

(2) Requires the chair of each county political party committee to provide a signed designation form with the names of the designated polling place challengers 10 days before the election. Currently, the form must be submitted four days before the election (Section 115.105);

(3) Requires election challengers selected by political parties to attend election training if requested by the election authority (Section 115.105);

(4) Repeals obsolete references to past election procedures (Section 115.121);

(5) Changes the requirement for inspection of voter records and qualifications from a mandatory inspection once per year to a discretionary inspection (Section 115.221);

(6) Updates the description of ballot styles and uses to accommodate current methods of electronic voting while retaining authorization for the use of separate paper ballots for presidential primaries and write-in votes and polling places in general (Sections 115.237 and 115.255);

(7) Updates the description of voting machines to specify the current use of electronic voting methods and repeals obsolete references to ballot cards, ballot sealing, ballot counting, and ballot marking practices (Sections 115.231, 115.251, 115.253, 115.261, 115.263, 115.265, 115.267, 115.269, 115.271, 115.273, 115.301, 115.305, 115.346, 115.417, 115.420, 115.453, 115.475, 115.477, 115.479, 115.483, 115.485, 115.487, 115.489, 115.495, and 115.503);

(8) Adds municipal taxes to the types of taxes that must be paid in order for a candidate to run for office under Section 115.342. Currently, candidates who do not pay municipal taxes are barred from running for office under Section 115.346 so the addition makes these sections consistent with one another (Section 115.342); and

(9) Changes the law to accommodate the current use of electronic poll books and revises the definition of a "poll list" to include an electronic poll book (115.431).