

HB 1136 -- ELECTIONS (Dugger)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Committee on Elections

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

- (1) Allows a youth participant who assists an election authority to be compensated or remunerated for the time served or costs incurred while assisting with an election (Section 115.104, RSMo);
- (2) Repeals obsolete references to election procedures for previous years (Section 115.121);
- (3) Changes the requirement for inspection of voter records and qualifications from a mandatory inspection at least once per year to a discretionary inspection (Section 115.221);
- (4) 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, 115.253, 115.257 - 115.305, 115.346 - 115.420, and 115.443 - 115.503);
- (5) 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);
- (6) Adds municipal taxes to the types of taxes that cannot be delinquent in order for a person to be a qualified candidate for office. Currently, a candidate who does not pay his or her municipal taxes is barred from running for office under Section 115.346. This change makes these provisions consistent (Section 115.342); and
- (7) Changes the laws to accommodate the current use of electronic poll books (Section 115.431).