

## HB 1341 -- NONPARTISAN ELECTIONS

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Specifies that in a nonpartisan election in any political subdivision, special district, or a municipal election, except in any city, town, or village with 1,000 or less inhabitants, when no election is held because the number of candidates is equal to the number of positions in that office, the election authority must publish a notice containing the names of the candidates who will assume the responsibilities of office. The notice must be published by April 1 of each year in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the political subdivision or district. Currently, in a nonpartisan election in any political subdivision or special district with the exception of municipal elections, candidates are allowed to take office without an election if the number of candidates is equal to the number of positions to be filled and proper notice has been published in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the district.

It also allows candidates in any city, town, or village with 1,000 or less inhabitants to assume offices in nonpartisan elections when the number of candidates for office equals the number of positions available. This procedure must be approved by a majority of the voters in these small political subdivisions before it becomes effective, and it must be resubmitted to the voters every 6 years.