

HCS HB 432 -- ELECTION COST

SPONSOR: Conway (10)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Elections and Elected Officials by a vote of 12 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 14 to 0.

This bill requires the state and political subdivisions to share the costs of elections held among such entities in a proportional manner and applies in the case of general elections and primary elections.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill is a fair way to ensure that local election authorities receive funds for elections. Many small entities lack funds necessary to conduct proper elections and the state needs to pay for its own contribution to election costs.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Conway; Peggy Kenney, Missouri Association of County Clerks & Election Authorities (MACCEA); Tammy L. Brown, Jackson County Election Board; and Eric Fey, St Louis County Election Board.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.