

HCS SB 134 -- RELATING TO POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

SPONSOR: Chappelle-Nadal (Mosley)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on General Laws by a vote of 12 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules-Legislative Oversight Committee by a vote of 14 to 0.

This bill moves elections for street light maintenance district board members from the November general election to the April general municipal election. It also provides that a board may provide for nominations to be filed with the local election authority (Section 235.140, RSMo).

This bill specifies that any person running for elected public office within Missouri at the local or state level shall use their legal last name provided on a birth certificate or their married last name as changed under existing law, or a last name formally changed under existing law. No common law change of name will be accepted for placement on a ballot (Section 115.352).

This bill adds four trustees to the board of a consolidated public library district when a county public library district successfully petitions to be included in the consolidated district. When a city, municipal, school, or other public library district that does not include an entire county and is outside the boundaries of a consolidated public library district successfully petitions to be included in the consolidated public library district, the county commission or county executive of each county in which the petitioning district is located must appoint one trustee. This bill adds one trustee to the board of a consolidated public library district when a city or municipal library district is petitioning to be included in the consolidated district and the petitioning district is partially located in a county that is not participating in the consolidated district. The additional trustee must be appointed by the county commission or county executive officer of the county that is not participating in the consolidated district. After admission of a petitioning district into a consolidated district, transfer of the title and interest in the property of the petitioning district, and appointment of the additional trustee, a petitioning district and its board of trustees will cease to exist (Sections 182.640 and 182.660).

This bill states that no ordinance or law enacted by a political subdivision can penalize a resident, tenant, or landlord for requesting police or emergency assistance under certain circumstances (Section 67.405).

Currently, there are caps on the annual amount of new state

revenues that may be appropriated to the Missouri Supplemental Tax Increment. Financing Fund for redevelopment projects under the Real Property Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act at \$32 million. This section excludes from this cap any annual amounts generated by any single plan or project which is estimated to create in excess of fifteen thousand new jobs with an average annual wage of more than \$75,000. This section also states that at no time shall the annual amount of the new state revenues approved for disbursements from the Missouri supplemental tax increment financing fund for redevelopment plans or projects approved on or after August 28, 2017, and before August 28, 2027, or for redevelopment plans or projects approved prior to August 28, 2017, which are expanded with buildings of new construction, to be increased by or exceed \$10 million. At no time shall the annual amount of the new state revenues approved for disbursements from the Missouri Supplemental Tax Increment Financing Fund for redevelopment plans or projects approved on or after August 28, 2027, exceed \$20 million. For redevelopment plans or projects approved prior to August 28, 2017, which are expanded with buildings of new construction, and for all redevelopment plans or projects approved on or after August 28, 2017, at no time shall a single redevelopment plan or project be increased by or receive an appropriation under this section that exceeds \$3 million annually (Section 99.845).

This bill specifies that the General Assembly occupies and preempts the entire field of legislation touching in any way the control or regulation of specific breeds of dogs. However, a village, town, or city can still prohibit dogs from running at large or to further control or regulate dogs within its boundaries so long as the ordinance, order, policy, or regulation is not breed specific (Section 67.142).

This bill requires that, for purposes of property zoning classifications, sawmills must be classified as agricultural property (Sections 64.002, 65.702, and 89.020).

This bill adds certain cities to the list of cities authorized to impose, upon voter approval, a retail sales tax of up to 0.5% for improving public safety including compensation, pension programs, health care, and additional equipment and facilities for police, fire, and emergency medical providers. The additional cities include Peculiar, Lamar, Salem, St. Clair, Higginsville, Lexington, Mount Vernon, Eldon, Platte City, Rock Hill, and Mountain Grove; Jackson, Republic, and Lake St. Louis; Carl Junction, Sullivan, Pacific, Oak Grove, Dexter, and Warrenton; and Eureka, Harrisonville, Union, Bolivar, Branson, and Troy. In certain of the additional cities, the sales tax will expire in 10 years unless approved again by the voters, and if the sales tax fails on the

first ballot, the cities cannot put the issue on the ballot again without new statutory authorization. The cities to which the 10 year duration and the one-time vote opportunity applies include Peculiar, Lamar, Salem, St. Clair, Higginsville, Lexington, Mount Vernon, Eldon, Platte City, Rock Hill, and Mountain Grove. In certain of the additional cities, regardless of when the tax is imposed, it will expire on December 31, 2038. The specific tax expiration date provision currently applies to the cities of Eureka, Harrisonville, Union, Bolivar, Branson, and Troy. In certain of the additional cities, the sales tax will expire in 15 years, and then every 10 years thereafter, unless approved again by the voters. If the sales tax fails on the first ballot, those cities cannot put the issue on the ballot again for at least 12 months. If the sales tax fails on a second ballot, then the authorization for the sales tax for those cities is repealed. Currently, this provision only applies to the cities of Branson, Eureka, Harrisonville, Union, Bolivar, and Troy. The bill also adds certain fire protection districts to the list of fire protection districts authorized to impose, upon voter approval, a sales tax not to exceed 0.5% for the purpose of providing revenues for the operation of the fire protection district. The additional fire protection districts currently include those located in Ripley and Mississippi counties (Sections 94.900, 94.902, 94.903, 321.242, and 321.246).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that elections for street light maintenance district board members should be held at the same time as other municipal elections.

Testifying for the bill was Senator Chappelle-Nadal.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.