

HB 1446 -- ELECTIONS

SPONSOR: Eggleston

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Elections and Elected Officials by a vote of 10 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules- Administrative Oversight Committee by a vote of 13 to 0.

This bill expands the existing exception for small cities, towns, and villages under Section 115.124, RSMo, which allows candidates for election to assume office without holding an election if a particular election is uncontested and the number of candidates available equal the number of open positions, from cities, towns, or villages with 1,000 or less persons to those with 2,000 or less persons.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will help save money in approximately 44% of instances while not changing any electoral results.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Eggleston and the Missouri Municipal League.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.