

SS SCS HB 1446 -- ELECTIONS

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

(1) Requires the Department of Revenue to issue an annual report listing sales and use taxes authorized by state law and collected by the department (Section 32.315, RSMo);

(2) Expands the existing exception for small cities, towns, and villages under Section 115.124, 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 (Section 115.124);

(3) Requires the Secretary of State to furnish specified absentee ballot information upon request of a duly authorized campaign or political party committee representative. The records include voter names and addresses and may be in an electronic format unless otherwise requested. Fees for copying may be charged and will not exceed public record copying charges (Section 115.157); and

(4) Requires specified fire protection districts in Boone County to continue service to residents annexed by a municipality and requires annexation costs to be borne by the municipality. Residents in a new, annexed area may serve on fire protection district boards. A sales tax may be levied upon voter approval after the annexation to provide revenue to the fire protection district. Certain cities are exempt from these requirements as specified in the bill (Section 321.320). This provision has an emergency clause.