HCS HB 347 -- ELECTIONS

SPONSOR: Lovasco

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing
Committee on Elections and Elected Officials by a vote of 4 to 3.

This bill requires the names of election candidates to appear on
the ballot even if there is only one possible option. There is an
exception if the ballot name requirement would require an election
to be held that otherwise would not be held under Section 115.124,
RSMo, which allows certain political subdivisions to exempt
themselves from elections when the number of candidates is equal to
the number of positions.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will provide more
transparency by introducing voters to unopposed candidates who
would otherwise assume office without being named on a ballot and
that the modifications to the bill ensure that it will not
significantly diminish election cost savings allowed under existing
law.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Lovasco.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.