HB 1600 -- ELECTIONS

SPONSOR: Simmons

This bill modifies election laws. In its main provisions the bill:

(1) Requires candidates filing their declaration of candidacy with the Secretary of State to pay their fee to the treasurer of the appropriate political party committee;

(2) Requires persons voting in person by use of an absentee ballot to establish their identity under Section 115.427, RSMo;

(3) Allows voters without personal identification at a polling place to vote a provisional ballot which will be counted based upon a certification process and the return of documentation or by a signature verification process conducted by the election authority;

(4) Repeals certain affidavit and notice requirements under Section 115.427; and

(5) Authorizes the Missouri Secretary of State to subpoena specified records for the purpose of investigating all classifications of election offenses and other specified offenses, but terminates such authority after August 28, 2025.