

HCS HB 1787 -- PUBLIC OFFICE REQUIREMENTS

SPONSOR: Chipman

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Elections and Elected Officials by a vote of 6 to 1. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 10 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 1787.

This bill lowers the minimum age requirement to 21 years for holding various county offices and special district board memberships. Included in the offices and districts affected are: county clerk; county auditor; county coroner; county surveyor; seven-director school board; ambulance district board; sewer district trustee; public water supply district board; emergency telephone services board; hospital district board; public water supply district board; fire protection district board; and court clerk.

The bill also requires a candidate for or person appointed to elective public office not be delinquent in the payment of state income tax, personal property tax, or real property tax.

This bill is the same as HB 438 (2019).

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill makes the requirement for office 21 years of age or older and requires elected and appointed officials to file an affidavit of tax compliance.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Chipman.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: There were no others testifying on the bill.