



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE: Downsizing State Government			
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February 3, 2021The Honorable Ben Baker and members of the House Committee on Downsizing State GovernmentHouse Committee on Downsizing State Government201 W Capitol Avenue, Room 201-DJefferson City, MO 65101Dear Chairman Baker and members of the House Committee on Downsizing State Government:On behalf of the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce and our over 1500-member businesses, please accept this letter of opposition for House Bill 920. Preserving the April option for municipal and primary elections is important for several reasons. There are already limited options throughout the year to hold elections, and decreasing these options negatively impacts the ability for voters to engage. The April ballot includes important local races for city council and school board elections in most communities, and voters have come to expect that. Eliminating this option limits a community's ability to give voters the opportunity to participate in local elections. We believe good governance is important and preserving options for municipal elections is part of that. Thank you for your consideration of opposition to HB 920. Sincerely, Matt Morrow President and CEO, Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce 202 S John Q Hammons Parkway Springfield, MO 65806



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HB 920 Elections House Downsizing State Government Committee City of Springfield Request We can all agree that election turnout is often a challenge for all communities. We recognize that HB 920 is intended to address this apathy and perhaps, even save election dollars. However, the City of Springfield still has serious concerns about moving municipal elections from the spring to the fall and asks that you oppose HB 920 in its current form for the following reasons: 1) April elections are intentionally tailored to community specific items such as local officials, local taxes and other local community initiatives. 2) Our experience indicates that a specific ballot question or candidate is more often a stimulant to voter turnout than the date of an election. We have not yet seen evidence to suggest that changing election dates for cities and school districts will result in enhanced democracy. 3) We believe that sharing a ballot containing an already voluminous number of County, State and Federal candidates and questions will create ballot fatigue to the voter and may disrupt the focus needed for local candidates and municipal questions. Voters need time to be familiar with and digest important issues. A ballot that has too many candidates and questions will likely result in a less prepared voter. 4) We also believe that mixing partisan and non-partisan candidates and questions may complicate election ballot logistics for County election office holders, particularly when dealing with primary elections. Much longer ballots means much longer lines at the voting precincts, particularly when including constitutional amendment questions. 5) Local questions are generally non-partisan and focus on community. Including local officials and questions on a partisan ballot may cause them to be overshadowed by passionate and often negative partisanship, potentially skewing outcomes on community issues. This is something we wish to avoid. It is for these reasons that we respectfully ask legislators to oppose HB 920. Thank you for serving and for your consideration of our request!! City of Springfield



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Please see written testimony from the City of Springfield			



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