



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

BILL NUMBER: HB 514		DATE: 3/8/2023	
COMMITTEE: Government Efficiency and Downsizing			
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I am in Support of this Bill. In am Offering the Following Amendment for Fire Protection District: In reference to your Proposed HB-514 (Government Efficiency and Downsizing Committee), could you please consider Amendments? Last Year the State Legislature increased the Election Fees for County Public Offices from \$50 to \$100. In Chapter 321.210 as shown below the same Filing Fee (\$100) Applies to Fire Board Director Election Filing Fee. Fire Board Members make zero Salary in some Counties and other First-Class or Charter Counties \$100 per Meeting is allowed under Chapter #321.190. In Saint Charles and Saint Louis Counties this Fee is being abused as Directors are Meeting in Open Session and Paying themselves \$100. Then the Board goes into Closed Session to discuss Personnel and pay themselves another \$100 Fee (Not leaving the Building or having any expenses). In Addition, the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer are paid \$50 per Meeting. This is ripping off of the Tax-Payer. The same situation is happening at the Board of Director Meetings of the Saint Charles County Ambulance District. Residents and Tax-Payers are being taken advantage of and ripped-Off!321.210. Election and terms of directors — filing fee. — On the first Tuesday in April after the expiration of at least two full calendar years from the date of the election of the first board of directors, and on the first Tuesday in April every two years thereafter, an election for members of the board of directors shall be held in the district. Nominations shall be filed at the headquarters of the fire protection district in which a majority of the district is located by paying a filing fee equal to the amount of a candidate for county office as set forth under section 115.357 and filing a statement under oath that the candidate possesses the required qualifications. The candidate receiving the most votes shall be elected. Any new member of the board shall qualify in the same manner as the members of the first board qualify.321.190. Attendance fees authorized — reimbursement for expenses — secretary and treasurer, additional compensation, how set, limitation. — Each member of the board may receive an attendance fee not to exceed one hundred dollars for attending each regularly called board meeting, or special meeting, but shall not be paid for attending more than two in any calendar month, except that in a county of the first class having a charter form of government, he shall not be paid for attending more than four in any calendar month. However, no board member shall be paid more than one attendance fee if such member attends more than one board meeting in a calendar week. In addition, the chairman of the board of directors may receive fifty dollars for attending each regularly or specially called board meeting, but shall not be paid the additional fee for attending more than two meetings in any calendar month. Each member of the board shall be reimbursed for his or her actual expenditures in the performance of his or her duties on behalf of the district. The secretary and the treasurer, if members of the board of directors, may each receive such additional compensation for the performance of their respective duties as secretary and treasurer as the board shall deem reasonable and necessary, not to exceed one thousand dollars per year. The circuit court having jurisdiction over the district shall have power to remove directors or any of them for good cause shown upon a petition, notice and hearing. I

am Requesting that you make an Amendment to this Bill that the Election Filing Fee for Fire Director be \$0, the same as Ambulance Director as Stated in Chapter #190.050.190.050. Election districts, how established — election of directors — declaration of candidacy filed, where, when. —3. A candidate for director of the ambulance district shall, at the time of filing, be a citizen of the United States, a qualified voter of the election district as provided in subsection 1 of this section, a resident of the district for two years next preceding the election, and shall be at least twenty-four years of age. In an established district which is located within the jurisdiction of more than one election authority, the candidate shall file his or her declaration of candidacy with the secretary of the board. In all other districts, a candidate shall file a declaration of candidacy with the county clerk of the county in which he or she resides. A candidate shall file a statement under oath that he or she possesses the required qualifications. No candidate's name shall be printed on any official ballot unless the candidate has filed a written declaration of candidacy pursuant to subsection 5 of section 115.127. If the time between the county commission's call for a special election and the date of the election is not sufficient to allow compliance with subsection 5 of section 115.127, the county commission shall, at the time it calls the special election, set the closing date for filing declarations of candidacy. In addition, Section 321.015 Needs to be refined to apply to all 114-Missouri Counties. Currently this Section is unfair and Unconstitutional in my opinion. If you have any questions, please let me know.



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- **Line 33 - 37 – The proposed language appears to limit our ability to regulate the location of fire hydrants and fireflow requirements for residential developments. This language contradicts what is allowed on Line 25 – 28.**
- **Line 38 – 42 – The proposed language would require us to enter into a contract with St Louis County, City of Sunset Hills and City of Green Park to assist with implementing any of the fireflow, hydrants and other infrastructure requirements.**
- **Lines 43 – 47 – The language is very vague and not sure what is being attempted to regulate since §321 already limits us to issuing permits related to fire protection and §321.228 precludes us from any regulation on new structures regulated under the International Residential Code.**



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