

HCS HB 1534 -- QUALIFICATIONS FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

SPONSOR: Baringer

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Special Committee on Election Contests by a vote of 5 to 0. Voted to "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 8 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 1534.

This bill requires any person who files as a candidate for a public office that performs county functions in the City of St. Louis to provide copies of paid receipts or no-tax-due statements for local personal and real property taxes received from the Assessor to the election authority.

This bill is the same as HB 102 (2023).

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

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this addition is necessary to close a loophole in the law that allows candidates for certain offices in the City of St. Louis to file for office without having to provide necessary paid receipts or no-tax-due statements required of candidates for other offices.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Baringer; and Ben Borgmeyer, St. Louis City Election Board.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony and witnesses testifying online can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.