



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Please support Bill 1744.I have been trying to get transparency in School Board races for many years. I have had School District fail to reply to request for a list of candidates that have filed before the closing date.I have had School Districts complain about having someone in the office during Christmas vacation to be available for a candidate to file.I have talked to candidates being bullied by School Districts for filing for office, which would force the district to hold an election.This bill would save School Districts money in paying someone to man the office during Christmas break.Candidates would be able to file anytime during the normal filing period, because the County Clerk/Election Board is always staffed (Would not have to call ahead and make appointment).Who has filed would be easily available to all, before and after filing closes. A candidate would not be bullied into not filing, since the School Districts interest would be removed.Thank you for time and I hope you can support this Bill 1744.Regards,Alan Leaderbrand



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I am in full Support of this Bill with Several Amendments. Please review my full video of my On The Record Testimony before the House Elections Committees on January 9th, 2024.



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Transparency in elections is crucial. Thank you



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I hereby give my testimony in support of making our school Board of education candidate filings open and transparent to the public. With these filings being more open, it will allow the public to better decide if more candidates are needed for a position and also to start researching who the candidates are, so they can make an educated vote. In many cases, we end up with not enough candidates filing and the consequence is then that we end up not having an election as the one or two people who did register automatically win.



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I believe that the county clerk's office is open much oftener than the school district offices. That is certainly my experience after 8 years as Phelps County Clerk. We did not tend to close for weather issues nearly as often as the schools did. So, this is about access to the ballot, and with the filing period shortened in so draconian a fashion to 3 weeks several years ago, it seems a matter of fairness.



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I stand in support of HB1744 because we need more transparency in our School Board filings and elections. The citizens of Missouri, especially parents and families who are represented, must have transparency! Thank you, V.



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The LWVMO appreciates the efforts of this bill sponsor to solve some problems that have occurred in the past with candidates filing for school board positions in school district offices. Moving the filing to the election authority in the county makes sense, but some additional steps need to be taken to make this process seamless. Because a large number of school districts have area in more than one county, there would be a lack of consistency between districts wholly in one county and districts in more than one county. This could cause confusion and a remedy should be sought, such as having the candidates file with the count election authority in the county in which the school district office resides. The election authority in each county is the more logical choice for filing for candidacy and the standardization of this for all offices makes sense. Additionally, the League agrees with the suggestion made in testimony at the committee hearing that an election should be held for every elective office, whether there are candidates equal to the number of openings or a contested race. The League has long stood for encouraging informed and active citizen participation in the government process and there are a number of good reasons why voting should be held for every elective office which would alleviate some current issues with "no election elections."



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