

HB 171 -- CERTAIN THIRD CLASS CITY PRIMARY ELECTIONS

SPONSOR: Ruzicka

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Elections by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill allows certain third class cities organized under Sections 78.010 - 78.400, RSMo, to cancel, by order or ordinance, any primary election for the office of mayor and councilman that is currently held in February. A person wishing to become a candidate for these offices must file a signed statement of candidacy with the city clerk in order to be placed on the ballot in the next municipal election.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2014.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will save the cities of Monett and West Plains a substantial amount of money by not requiring them to hold a primary election.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Ruzicka.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.