

HB 2448 -- ELECTION COSTS

SPONSOR: Conway (10)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Elections by a vote of 11 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on Local Government by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill requires the state and political subdivisions to share the costs of elections held among such entities in a proportional manner and applies in the case of general elections and primary elections.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the state does not currently pay its share for elections involving statewide issues and candidates. This bill will require all political subdivisions, districts, and the state to share proportional costs for elections and will alleviate an unfunded mandate that is currently placed on many smaller counties and election authorities.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Conway; Wendy Noren, Boone County Clerk; Peggy Kenney, Missouri Association Of County Clerks And Election Authorities; Darryl Kempf, Cooper County Clerk; Kathy J. Holstine, Holt County Clerk; Fair Energy Rate Action Fund (FERAF); Missouri Association Of Counties; Wes Wagner; and the Jefferson County Clerk.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.