

HCS SB 797 -- ELECTIONS

SPONSOR: Bray (May)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Elections by a vote of 7 to 0.

This substitute removes the requirement that a petition for the creation of a new political party contain the name of one nominee from each Congressional district to serve as a presidential elector. This information must be provided at the time of filing the declaration of candidacy.

Election judges are required to be selected from lists provided by the county committee of each major political party in counties that do not have a board of election commissioners. If the list is not provided or is inadequate, judges may be selected as authorized by Section 115.081, RSMo.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2009, FY 2010, and FY 2011.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill allows third parties to have the same rules as the major political parties.

Testifying for the bill was Senator Bray.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.