

HB 1250 -- THIRD CLASS CITY PRIMARY ELECTIONS

SPONSOR: Ruzicka

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Elections by a vote of 10 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 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill allows the cities of Monett and West Plains to not hold primary elections saving them money in the same manner as other third class cities.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Ruzicka.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.