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HOUSE BILL NO. 2261

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MCCANN BEATTY.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 130.026, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to election authorities.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 130.026, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 130.026, to read as follows:

130.026. 1. For the purpose of this section, the term "election authority" or "local election authority" means the county clerk, except that in a city or county having a board of election commissioners the board of election commissioners shall be the election authority. For any political subdivision or other district which is situated within the jurisdiction of more than one election authority, as defined herein, the election authority is the one in whose jurisdiction the candidate resides or, in the case of ballot measures, the one in whose jurisdiction the most populous portion of the political subdivision or district for which an election is held is situated, except that a county clerk or a county board of election commissioners shall be the election authority for all candidates for elective county offices other than county clerk and for any countywide ballot measures.

2. The appropriate officer or officers for candidates and ballot measures shall be as follows:

(1) In the case of candidates for the offices of governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, state auditor, attorney general, judges of the supreme court and appellate court judges, the appropriate officer shall be the Missouri ethics commission;

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1 of this section, in the case of candidates for the offices of state senator, state representative, county clerk, and associate circuit

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 court judges and circuit court judges, the appropriate officers shall be the Missouri ethics
19 commission and the election authority for the place of residence of the candidate;

20 (3) In the case of candidates for elective municipal offices in municipalities of more than
21 one hundred thousand inhabitants and elective county offices in counties of more than one
22 hundred thousand inhabitants, the appropriate officers shall be the Missouri ethics commission
23 and the election authority of the municipality or county in which the candidate seeks office;

24 (4) In the case of all other offices, the appropriate officer shall be the election authority
25 of the district or political subdivision for which the candidate seeks office, **except that in any**
26 **county with a charter form of government and with more than six hundred thousand but**
27 **fewer than seven hundred thousand inhabitants the appropriate officer shall be the**
28 **Missouri ethics commission;**

29 (5) In the case of ballot measures, the appropriate officer or officers shall be:

30 (a) The Missouri ethics commission for a statewide measure;

31 (b) The local election authority for any political subdivision or district as determined by
32 the provisions of subsection 1 of this section for any measure, other than a statewide measure,
33 to be voted on in that political subdivision or district.

34 3. The appropriate officer or officers for candidate committees and campaign committees
35 shall be the same as designated in subsection 2 of this section for the candidates or ballot
36 measures supported or opposed as indicated in the statement of organization required to be filed
37 by any such committee.

38 4. The appropriate officer for political party committees shall be as follows:

39 (1) In the case of state party committees, the appropriate officer shall be the Missouri
40 ethics commission;

41 (2) In the case of any district, county or city political party committee, the appropriate
42 officer shall be the Missouri ethics commission and the election authority for that district, county
43 or city.

44 5. The appropriate officers for a political action committee and for any other committee
45 not named in subsections 3, 4 and 5 of this section shall be as follows:

46 (1) The Missouri ethics commission and the election authority for the county in which
47 the committee is domiciled; and

48 (2) If the committee makes or anticipates making expenditures other than direct
49 contributions which aggregate more than five hundred dollars to support or oppose one or more
50 candidates or ballot measures in the same political subdivision or district for which the
51 appropriate officer is an election authority other than the one for the county in which the
52 committee is domiciled, the appropriate officers for that committee shall include such other
53 election authority or authorities, except that committees covered by this subsection need not file

54 statements required by section 130.021 and reports required by subsections 6, 7 and 8 of section
55 130.046 with any appropriate officer other than those set forth in subdivision (1) of this
56 subsection.

57 6. The term "domicile" or "domiciled" means the address of the committee listed on the
58 statement of organization required to be filed by that committee in accordance with the
59 provisions of section 130.021.

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