

HCS HB 1232 -- PRIMARY ELECTION & VACANCY CANDIDATE

SPONSOR: Stacy

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Elections and Elected Officials by a vote of 6 to 2.

This bill prohibits those running for public office in a partisan primary who were unsuccessful in that primary from running for the same office as a member of another party or as an independent during the general election.

The bill also prohibits those who have put forward their candidacy during a vacancy filling procedure conducted by the requisite political party committee from running for the same office that created the vacancy if their nomination as a party candidate was not successful. Evidence that a person has run for a nomination may include affidavit testimony by members of a political party committee.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will help prevent voter confusion and reduce the phenomenon of primary election losers running for office as independents.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Stacy and Thomas Lehman.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.