

HCS HB 438 -- PUBLIC OFFICE AGE REQUIREMENTS

SPONSOR: Chipman

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 13 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill lowers the minimum age requirement to 21 years for holding various county offices and special district board memberships. Included in the offices and districts affected are: county clerk; county auditor; county coroner; county surveyor; seven-director school board; ambulance district board; sewer district trustee; public water supply district board; emergency telephone services board; hospital district board; public water supply district board; fire protection district board; and court clerk.

The bill also reduces the filing fee from \$50 to \$25 for a candidate for county office.

This bill is the same as HB 2550 (2018).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill tries to streamline the minimum candidate age for many elected offices and reduces the filing fee to make it easier for people to run for smaller boards and offices.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Chipman.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.