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HOUSE BILL NO. 1404

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE PLOCHER.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 66, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to constitutional charter counties.

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

Section A. Chapter 66, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 66.850, to read as follows:

66.850. 1. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law or charter to the contrary, the election authority for constitutional charter counties with more than five hundred thousand inhabitants shall include a ballot measure on the next general election regarding whether all primary elections for elected county officials shall have a single, nonpartisan ballot listing all candidates who properly file to run for a particular office and requiring that the two candidates receiving the most votes for a particular county office shall advance to the countywide general election without regard to those candidates' party affiliation. If a majority votes in favor of such a measure, no partisan ballot listing candidate party affiliation shall be printed or otherwise authorized for use in any such county official election in a constitutional charter county with more than five hundred thousand inhabitants.

2. The ballot language shall be in substantially the following form:

"A "yes" vote will authorize a nonpartisan ballot style under section 66.850, RSMo so that no political party designation is printed on the ballot for county official elections within () County. A "no" vote will allow partisan elections for county office and party designation will appear on the ballot."

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.

17 **3. This section shall not be interpreted to modify any county official's powers,**
18 **duties, or term in office.**

19 **4. This section shall not be construed to limit the use of county charter amendment,**
20 **as allowed by ordinance or law, to enact nonpartisan election regulations consistent with**
21 **this section, or to modify election ballots in a manner consistent with this section.**

22 **5. Any additional election costs for a ballot measure authorized under this section**
23 **shall be considered as statewide issue election costs and reimbursed under section 115.063.**

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