HOUSE BILL NO. 2663

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE WIEMANN.

AN ACT

To repeal sections 82.180 and 122.650, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to municipal elections.

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

Section A. Sections 82.180 and 122.650, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 82.180 and 122.650, to read as follows:
     82.180. All cities which have heretofore adopted charters pursuant to Section 16, Article
2 IX, of the Constitution of Missouri of 1875, or may hereafter adopt charters pursuant to Section
3 19, Article VI of the Constitution of Missouri of 1945 shall have power by charter enactment to
4 prescribe the manner in which nominations shall be made for municipal offices in such cities and
5 the form of ballot to be used at elections for municipal offices in such cities**; except that, in all**
6 **elections conducted in any city not within a county, no candidate for elective office shall**
7 **declare a party affiliation. All municipal primary elections shall have a single, nonpartisan**
8 **ballot listing all candidates who properly file to run for a particular office. The two**
9 **candidates receiving the most votes for a particular office on the nonpartisan ballot shall**
10 **advance to the municipal general election without regard to those candidates' party**
11 **affiliation**.
     122.650. Full power and authority are hereby conferred on every city in this state which
2 now has, or may hereafter have, more than four hundred thousand inhabitants, to provide for and
3 regulate all elections for offices of and under such city and for the nomination of candidates for
4 such offices; and such provision for and regulation of such elections may be effected either by
5 charter provisions therefor adopted by the people of such city according to law, or ordinances
6 therefor duly enacted, or by the people thereof under the power of initiative, if any, reserved in

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.

7   the charter of such city**; except that, in all elections conducted in any such city, no candidate**
8   **for elective office shall declare a party affiliation. All municipal primary elections shall**
9   **have a single, nonpartisan ballot listing all candidates who properly file to run for a**
10   **particular office. The two candidates receiving the most votes for a particular office on the**
11   **nonpartisan ballot shall advance to the municipal general election without regard to those**
12   **candidates' party affiliation**.

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