

voters of the council district and adhere to the current requirements found in KRS 118.315(2). The ballot must show the candidates party affiliation, and if not a registered member of a political party, the ballot must reflect the candidate as independent. The exception to this is if the unexpired term will *not* end the first Monday in January following the next regular election, and if less than three months before the next regular election, the unexpired term shall be filled on the date of the regular election. Lastly, the order of the names on the ballot shall be determined at a public drawing held in the county clerk’s office at 4 p.m., ten days following the declaration of vacancy.

A voter at a special election as detailed above shall not be permitted to vote for all candidates of one party (straight-ticket voting) or for one or more candidates of every party, or for one or more independent, political organization, or political group candidates.

The fiscal impact of HB 191 SCS 1 is approximately \$50,000. This is the cost of a special election for Metro Council as calculated by the Jefferson County Clerk’s Office.

Part III: Differences to Local Government Mandate Statement from Prior Versions

Part II refers to HB 191 SCS 1. The SCS 1 version keeps all the provisions of HB 191 GA with the following additions:

- The election to fill vacancies will be held 60 days after the declaration of the vacancy *on the next Tuesday which is not a federal holiday.*
- The order of names on the ballot shall be determined by a public drawing.

This does not affect the fiscal impact of the bill.

The GA version retains all the changes made to HB 191 HCS 1.

The House Committee Substitute makes the following changes to HB 191 as introduced:

- Clarifies the first Monday in January following the next regular election as the determining date regarding the process for filling unexpired terms.
- Requires signatures of 2 registered voters of the council district to appear on the petition for nomination.
- Requires party affiliation on the ballot.

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