

Legislative Analysis



NO PROPERTY OWNERSHIP REQUIREMENT TO HOLD LOCAL ELECTED OR APPOINTIVE OFFICE

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House Bill 5127

Sponsor: Rep. Tory Rocca

Committee: Ethics and Elections

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5127 AS INTRODUCED 8-22-07

House Bill 5127 would create a new act to be known as the Open Access to Local Ballot Act. The bill would prohibit a local unit of government from requiring the ownership of real property as a qualification for holding elective or appointive public office.

Under the bill, a person who was denied (or threatened with denial of) access to the ballot could bring an action for equitable relief, and recover damages, in a court of proper jurisdiction.

The bill would define "unit of local government" to mean a city, county, township, village, school district, authority, or other political subdivision of this state and includes an entity jointly created by two or more units of local government.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill does not appear to have any significant fiscal impact.

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