

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS22019C2

This bill amends section 50-707A to provide that cities of 50,000 inhabitants shall elect council members by district. The number of districts is determined by the number of council members serving under existing law. The determination of the population threshold is based upon the federal decennial census. For cities having 50,000 or more inhabitants as of the 2010 census, districts are to be established by the last day of 2013. For cities passing the threshold in a future decennial census, the districts are to be established no later than 120 prior to the next general election following the establishment of election precincts pursuant to current law. Reapportionment after a new census is required through a public hearing and ordinance of the city council to balance election district populations. Transition flexibility is provided to allow completion of the terms of previously elected council members. Mayors whether under a traditional council model or city manager model would be elected by vote of the entire city electorate. Only council members would be elected by district.

### FISCAL NOTE

No fiscal impact to the general fund. Minimal to no additional cost to the county to add district overlays to the consolidated election ballots. Consolidated election funds are available to cover such costs if any.

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