

Spreadsheet Explanation for HB 309

There already exists an exemption from POFD filing requirements for candidates running for municipal office in municipalities with populations of 1000 or less. There is NOT currently any population threshold exemption for POFD filing requirements for elected or appointed municipal officers, and this is the change we are making in Section 5 of HB 309 by adding a POFD reporting threshold for candidates and elected/appointed municipal officers in municipalities with populations of 15,000 or less.

In the first spreadsheet (sheet 1) which contains the municipalities currently subject to POFD filing requirements, the final column titled "File Candidate POFDs" refers to the POFD filing requirements of MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES only, and none of the 30 municipalities on this list have elected to opt out of POFD filing requirements for elected or appointed officials. We can see that if our bill were to pass, 25 municipalities would be exempted from POFD filing requirements for candidates or elected or appointed municipal officers, leaving 5 municipalities still subject to these requirements. Also, please note that there was an error on this sheet when it was first sent out, and under the final column "File Candidate POFDs", Kotzebue and Nome have been changed to "Yes".

The second spreadsheet (sheet 2) with a list of 136 municipalities includes all municipalities that have voted to opt out of the POFD filing requirements for their candidates AND municipal officers. This spreadsheet is now sorted by the populations for these municipalities, and also shows the dates each muni opted out.