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Overview

This bill authorizes cities to adopt candidate filing fees, for elections to city office, by ordinance. Current law provides a default set of filing fees, which vary in amount depending on the size of the city.

Cities governed by charter are currently authorized to deviate from the statutory fees if a different fee structure is provided in the charter (the city of Minneapolis adopted a charter amendment to deviate from the statutory fee structure in 2014). Cities that are not governed by charter must comply with the filing fees provided for in statute and are not currently authorized to deviate from those amounts.