

HCS HB 133 -- ELECTION OF JUDGES

SPONSOR: May (Willoughby)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Elections by a vote of 12 to 0.

This substitute requires that election contests involving the offices of circuit or associate circuit judges be filed and determined in an adjoining circuit court selected by the contestant.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill is necessary to clarify the law in light of recent court decisions in this area.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Willoughby; and Judge John E. Bardgett, Sr., Missouri Bar Board of Governors.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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