

HCS HB 166 -- INCORPORATION OF CITIES

SPONSOR: Johnson, 47 (Baker)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Local Government by a vote of 16 to 0.

This bill allows an unincorporated area in Cass County to vote on incorporation as a city regardless of any proposed annexation of the area by a city of the third or fourth class or Kansas City. Any annexation proposal by a third or fourth class city or Kansas City would not become effective if the qualified voters of the unincorporated area voted to become an incorporated city. The bill also allows for the incorporation of a city in Cass County in an area located within two miles of another city.

The bill contains an emergency clause.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say the area of Loch Lloyd does not want to be annexed by Kansas City or Belton. The area is developing and has about 175 residences. Loch Lloyd residents would like to incorporate into their own city and determine their own future.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Baker; and Athena Consulting, LLC.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Steve Bauer, Legislative Analyst