

HCS HB 472 -- COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS

SPONSOR: Johnson (47)

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

Current law requires that each community improvement district be governed by a board with five to 30 directors. Whether elected or appointed to the board, half of the directors serve for two years and the other half serve for four. If there are an odd number of directors, the director who received the least number of votes serves for two years.

For districts formed after this substitute goes into effect, half of the directors will serve a term of two years and half will serve a term of three or four years. The length of the term will be determined before the election or appointment of the directors. If an odd number of directors are elected or appointed, the director who received the least number of votes will serve for two years.

The substitute also grants districts the power to repair, restore, or maintain any abandoned cemetery within its boundaries.

The substitute contains an emergency clause.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will make it easier to find qualified community improvement district board members.

Testifying for the bill were Representatives Johnson (47) and Page.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Others testifying on the bill was City of Kansas City.

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