HCS SCS SB 202, 33, 45, 183 & 217 -- RETIREMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES

SPONSOR: Crowell (Smith, 118)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Retirement by a vote of 7 to 0.

This substitute requires that any administrative law judge or legal advisor employed in that capacity for the first time on or after the effective date of this legislation, will not be eligible to participate in the Administrative Law Judges and Legal Advisors' Retirement Plan (ALJLAP). These individuals will be members of the Missouri State Employees' Retirement System (MOSERS). Any administrative law judge or legal advisor employed or retired, including their beneficiaries, spouses, or former spouses, prior to this date will not be affected by this legislation.

The liabilities and assets of the ALJLAP will be transferred and combined with MOSERS. The contribution rate certified by the MOSERS board will include amounts necessary to cover the costs of the ALJLAP.

The substitute contains an emergency clause.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Income on General Revenue Fund of \$6,060 in FY 2006, FY 2007, and FY 2008. Estimated Income on Other State Funds of \$12,879 in FY 2006, \$12,879 in FY 2007, and \$24,862 in FY 2008.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the Administrative Law Judges and Legal Advisors' Retirement Plan needs to either be mended or ended, and the Senate has chosen to end the plan. This will help bring equity back to MOSERS and treat like employees the same.

Testifying for the bill was Senator Crowell.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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