

HB 1371 -- RURAL EMPOWERMENT ZONE CRITERIA (Wilson, 119)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Special Committee on Rural Community Development

Currently, rural empowerment zones are only allowed to exist in Hickory County, which has a population of 8,940 residents. This bill allows these zones to exist in any county with 18,000 or fewer residents, which includes 56 counties. The bill also prohibits more than two rural empowerment zones in any county.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Effect on General Revenue Fund of an income of \$0 to a cost of Unknown - could exceed \$6,600,000 in FY 2009, FY 2010, and FY 2011. No impact on Other State Funds in FY 2009, FY 2010, and FY 2011.