

HCS HB 1804 -- HOME-RULE CITIES

SPONSOR: Deeken (Corcoran)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Special Committee on Government Affairs by a vote of 7 to 0.

This substitute authorizes cities with more than 5,000 inhabitants to frame and adopt or amend a charter pursuant to Sections 19 and 20 of Article VI of the Missouri Constitution. Currently, only cities with more than 10,000 inhabitants may frame and adopt or amend a charter.

The substitute contains an emergency clause.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2009, FY 2010, and FY 2011.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill makes state statute and the Missouri Constitution consistent on the population threshold needed in order to be authorized to adopt a city charter.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Corcoran; Hardy Menees; and Missouri Municipal League.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.