

HCS HB 2112 -- POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

SPONSOR: Gatschenberger

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Local Government by a vote of 19 to 1.

This bill changes laws regarding political subdivisions. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Expands the criteria for the selection of construction managers for state projects to include "whether the construction manager is a local business" and modifies the term "lowest and best bidder" to include the consideration of the locality of the prospective supplier;
- (2) Authorizes political subdivisions other than municipalities and counties to obtain a criminal record review for and to require fingerprinting of employment applicants;
- (3) Adds Buchanan County to the list of counties authorized to impose, by rule, regulation, or ordinance a civil fine of up to \$1,000 for each violation of any county rule, regulation, or ordinance;
- (4) Authorizes Perry County to impose, upon voter approval, a transient guest tax of up to 6% per occupied room per night to be used solely for the promotion of tourism;
- (5) Exempts certain voluntary annexations from boundary commission review in St. Louis County. The annexation is not prohibited by the existence of an established unincorporated area;
- (6) Adds the City of St. Charles to those cities that are exempt from the provisions regarding the appointment of a county health officer if the city furnishes the Department of Health and Senior Services with reports of designated contagious, infectious, communicable, or dangerous diseases and other required statistical information;
- (7) Extends the authority of the commission of any regional jail district to submit a ballot proposal imposing a region-wide sales tax for the purpose of funding a regional jail from September 30, 2015, to September 30, 2027;
- (8) Allows the City of Springfield to impose an additional court cost of up to \$10 for each municipal ordinance violation case filed before a municipal division judge or associate circuit judge. The city can only use the additional costs for land assemblage and

purchase, construction, maintenance, and upkeep of a municipal courthouse;

(9) Authorizes cities of the fourth classification within Jackson County to enact as penalties for ordinance violations a fine of up to \$1000, imprisonment not exceeding 3 months, or both fine and imprisonment; and

(10) The bill allows the county commission in all counties to adopt building codes if approved by the voters. Currently, only the county commission in first and second classification counties may adopt building codes if approved by the voters. Except in counties of the first and second classification, no structure used solely for specified agricultural purposes can be subject to any code adopted under these provisions.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill allows the City of Eureka to annex at one time multiple parcels of land to which it supplies water and sewer services, rather than having to get boundary commission approval on each individual parcel. This would save the city time and money.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Gatschenberger and City of Eureka.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.