

HCS HB 767 -- RESIDENCY OF JUDICIAL CANDIDATES

SPONSOR: Justus

COMMITTEE ACTIONS: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Civil and Criminal Proceedings by a vote of 11 to 0. Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Select Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill splits the current 38th Judicial Circuit into two circuits. Beginning January 1, 2017, Christian County will remain within the 38th Judicial Circuit while Taney County will enter the newly created 46th Judicial Circuit. Each circuit will have one circuit judge.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will ensure more equal representation of the 38th Judicial Circuit.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Justus; James Justus; and Beth Wyman, Circuit Clerk, Taney County.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.