

HCS HB 1480 -- ABSENTEE BALLOT COUNTING

SPONSOR: Entlicher

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Elections by a vote of 11 to 0.

House Committee Substitute voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on State and Local Government by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill modifies provisions regarding voting machines to reflect current technology and allow their use in counting absentee ballots and makes technical changes to the absentee ballot process in Section 115.291, RSMo, to specify what types of absentee ballots are being counted using procedures specified in that section. Some procedures apply when voting by mail and some to ballots sealed in envelopes.

This bill is similar to HCS HB 67 (2015).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will bring the law up to date with current practice and make necessary technical changes.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Entlicher and Darryl Kempf, Cooper County Clerk.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.