

HCS HB 451 -- POPULATION DESIGNATIONS IN STATUTE

SPONSOR: Austin

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 13 to 0. Voted "Be Returned to Committee of Origin" by the Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 12 to 1. HCS Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 12 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 10 to 2.

This bill provides that once any city, county, or other political subdivision has come under the terms of a statute requiring a specified population, a subsequent loss of population will not remove the city, county or political subdivision from operation of that law. Currently, this only applies to the City of St. Louis.

This bill has an emergency clause.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that they think this is what the legislature intended when it originally passed the statute.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Austin; Missouri Municipal League; St. Louis County; Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Austin Walker, St. Louis Regional Chamber; Municipal League Metro St. Louis; Cheryl Norton, Missouri American Water; City of Springfield; Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce; and the Missouri Association of Counties.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say they were available to answer any questions the committee may have.

Testifying on the bill was Chuck Hatfield.

This bill is the same as SB 124 (2017).