

HB 666 -- WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT TRAINING

SPONSOR: Miller

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 10 to 1.

Currently, board members of public water supply districts are required to complete a minimum of six hours of training regarding the responsibilities of the board before they are permitted to receive attendance fees or additional compensation. This bill clarifies that the board members must complete the training in each duly elected or appointed term of office.

This bill is the same as SB 281 (2017).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will save taxpayers in the long run because they will have good and educated people running the board.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Miller and the Missouri Rural Water Association.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill say that the current methodology is okay; every year for three years is excessive.

Testifying against the bill was the Association of Water Districts.