

HB 913 -- TOURISM COMMISSIONS

SPONSOR: Corlew

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Special Committee on Tourism by a vote of 9 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 13 to 0.

This bill provides that the members of a tourism commission appointed by the governing body of a city must be residents of the city or residents of the county in which any part of the city is located. Members of a tourism commission appointed by the governing body of a county must be residents of the county.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill clarifies who can serve on a tourism commission. Currently, some cities have trouble filling vacancies on their tourism commissions because there are not enough interested residents within the city limits. This bill would allow people with an interest who live in the county to serve on the commission.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Corlew and the City of Riverside.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.