

HJR 10 -- BINGO GAME MANAGEMENT

SPONSOR: Brown (57)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on General Laws by a vote of 9 to 4. Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 10 to 3.

Upon voter approval, this Constitutional amendment would require any person participating in the management of any bingo game conducted by a service organization to be a member of the organization for six months. The current requirement is that the person be a member for two years. It also removes a restriction on advertising for organizations that offer bingo games.

This bill is the same as HJR 58 (2016).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this change would allow newer members of the organizations to participate in bingo. This is helpful because the newer members of the organizations are often more active and would be more likely to volunteer if given the opportunity.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Brown; Larry Adolphsen; Doug Crews, Missouri Press Association; Phillip Hanson, Cosmopolitan Clubs of Missouri And Association of Charitable Games.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.