

HCS SB 111 -- PUBLIC ADMINISTRATORS

SPONSOR: Hegeman

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS by Consent" by the Standing Committee on Elections and Elected Officials by a vote of 11 to 0. Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Standing Committee on Consent and House Procedure by a vote of 8 to 4.

The bill requires public administrators to sign an affidavit affirming that they may receive bonds necessary to hold office and reduces the number of bonding companies required from two to one.

It also repeals provisions requiring public administrators to automatically supervise the estates of minors and makes them subject to court appointment. Guardians are allowed to enter into preneed funeral contracts for minors without being personally liable for costs and without any interference with the existing right to dispose of bodies granted to next-of-kin.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill enacts several consent bills relating to public administrator duties.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Hegeman and the Missouri Association of Public Administrators.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.