

HB 1329 -- SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

SPONSOR: Remole

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Pensions by a vote of 10 to 1. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules-Administrative Oversight Committee by a vote of 14 to 0.

This bill allows employees of soil and water conservation districts to become members of the Missouri Local Government Employees' Retirement System upon a majority vote of the district's land representatives voting to disestablish the district.

Prior to the disestablishment of a soil and water conservation district, the district must pay off all outstanding indebtedness owed including moneys owed to any retirement plan for unfunded accrued liabilities of past and current employees.

This bill is the same as SB 628 (2018) and similar to HB 1354 (2018).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill will allow employees of soil and water conservation districts to be able to become members of the Missouri Local Government Employees' Retirement System for retirement benefits. This will help in recruiting and retaining employees.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Remole; Ryan Britt, Missouri Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts; Missouri Local Government Employees Retirement System; and Andrea McKeown, Randolph County Soil & Water Conservation District.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.