

HCS HBs 1347 & 2144 -- ATTORNEY GENERAL

SPONSOR: Shumake

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Elections and Elected Officials by a vote of 7 to 2.

This bill eliminates the obsolete requirement that the Attorney General "reside" in the City of Jefferson which is the seat of government for Missouri, but it does not modify the requirement that the Office of the Attorney General be maintained at the Supreme Court of Missouri or any other requirements of law.

This bill is the same as HB 797 (2017).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill removes an archaic and extremely ill defined "residency requirement" that was enacted prior to both the advent of modern telecommunication and automobile travel. The attorney general can and will maintain an office at the Supreme Court.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Shumake.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.